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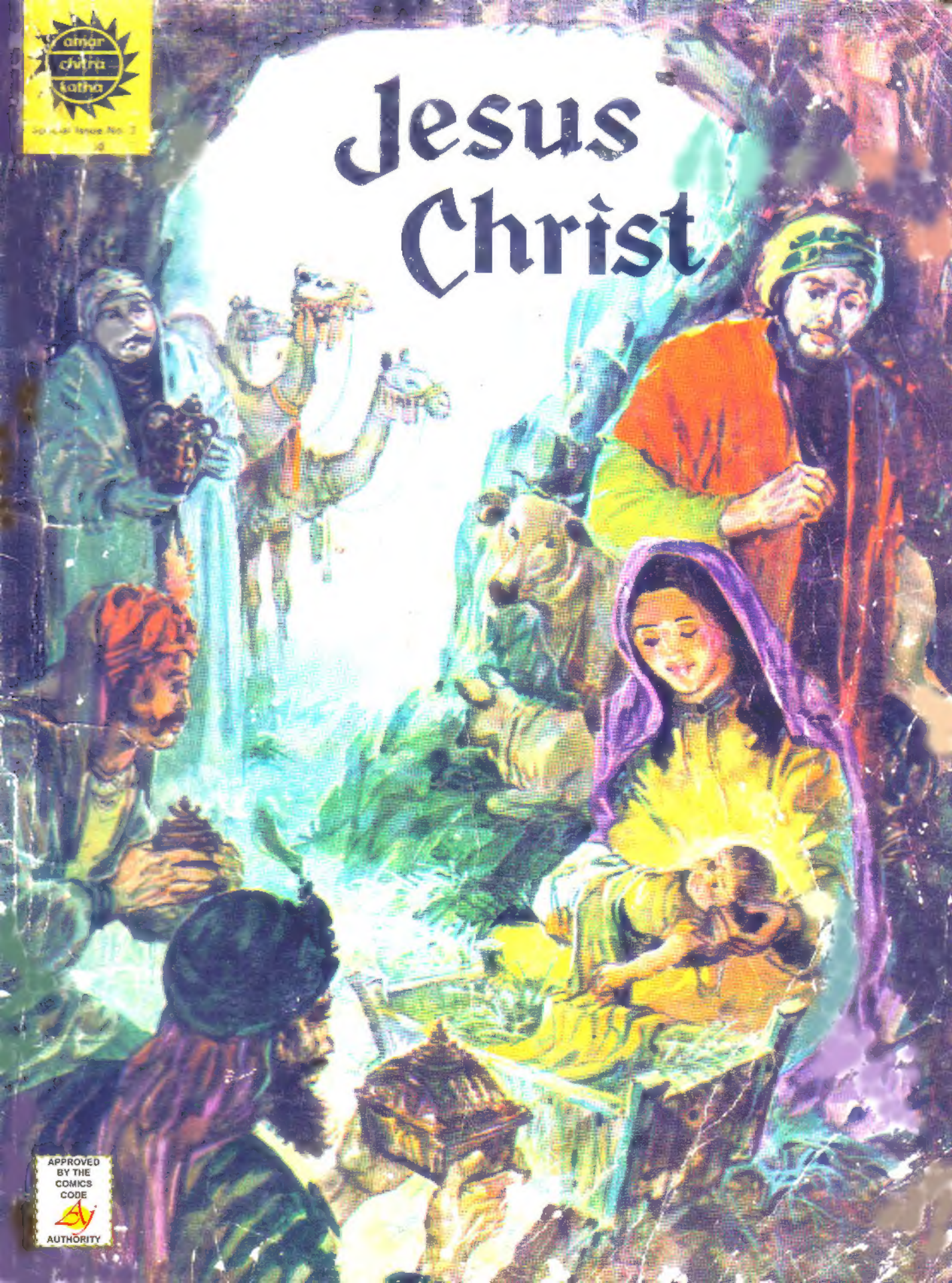

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India Book House Education Trust are to be congratulated for publishing this excellent pictorial life of Jesus Christ, which is a matter of great satisfaction for me to recommend to all readers. It tells the story of Jesus clearly and simply, with excellent illustrations faithfully reproducing the local colour and costumes of the time Christ lived, for which much research has certainly been done. This book is another witness to the general truth that the life of Christ is a restatement of the permanent values of human living, the brotherhood of man and the need for charity and right action in society.

"Christ-like" is today the word to describe a noble hearted gentle,humane and selfless person. This book is the story of Christ who is regarded as the embodiment of the best qualities in human nature—a man who lived 2000 years ago. The life and career of Christ are comparatively the best documented events in ancient history; in fact history divides itself into epochs—one before Christ and one after him.

This book gives you in pictures the story of Christ drawn from four contemporary life sketches called the Gospels written by his disciples. The Gospels are an important section of the Christian scriptures or the Bible. They are the main source of the teachings of Christ contained in the narrative. They present wise sayings and practical instructions, episodes describing with compassion the human situation, or exposing wickedness and evil, giving profound lessons on charity and love. The Son of Man as Jesus Christ liked to call himself, serenely goes through the crowded pages of the Gospels, preaching, healing, comforting, helping, loving, not seeking any power or advantage for himself. His enemies set themselves up against Him and ultimately succeeded in having Him condemned to death on a cross. As he had foretold, He rose again after his death, thus proving that he was the Son of God. His followers passed on their faith in Jesus to others, and thus the Christian Church spread.

Whether one is a Christian or not, one cannot fail to be drawn to this man who spoke of goodness with wisdom and power, and brought comfort and peace to men of goodwill.

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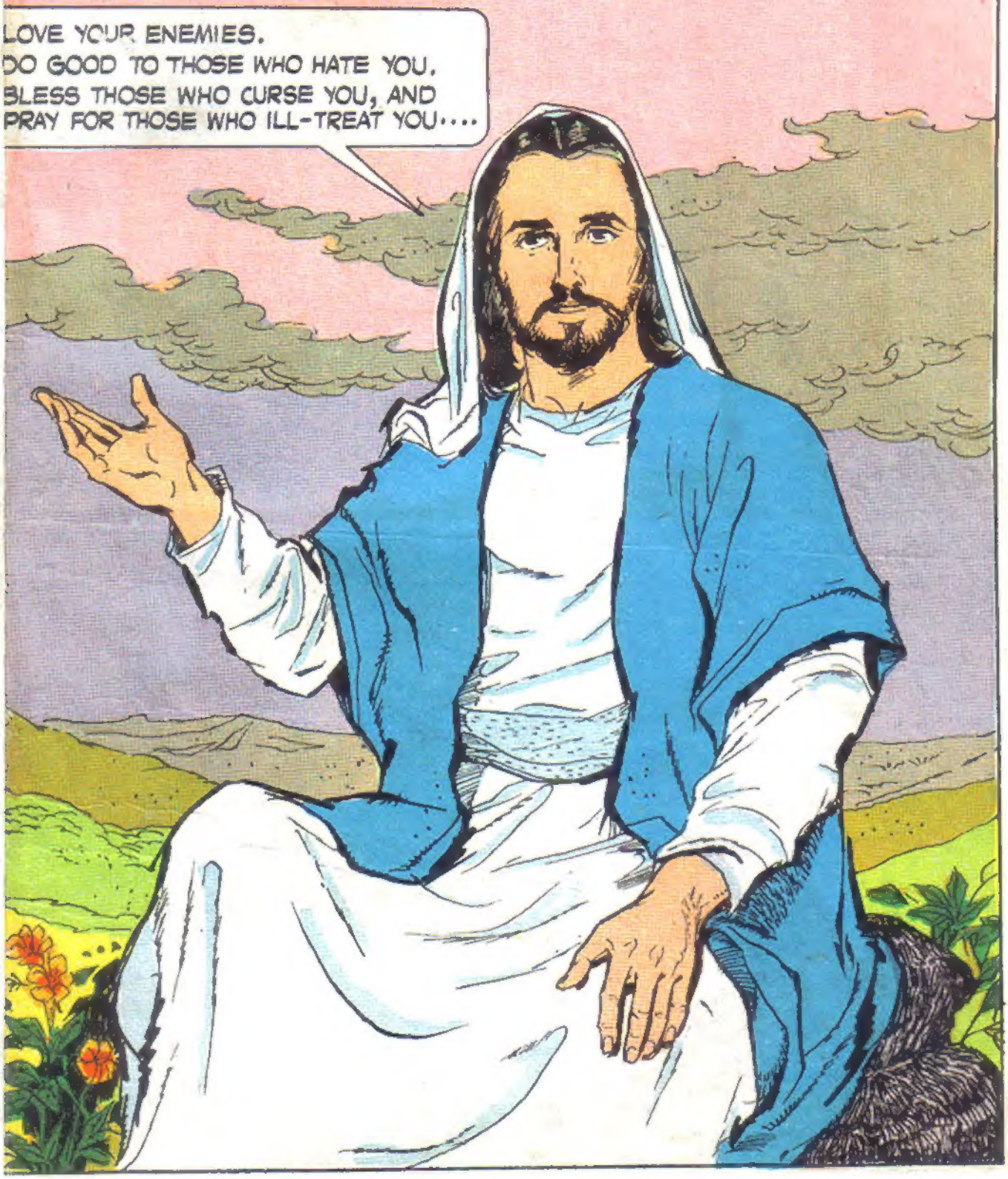
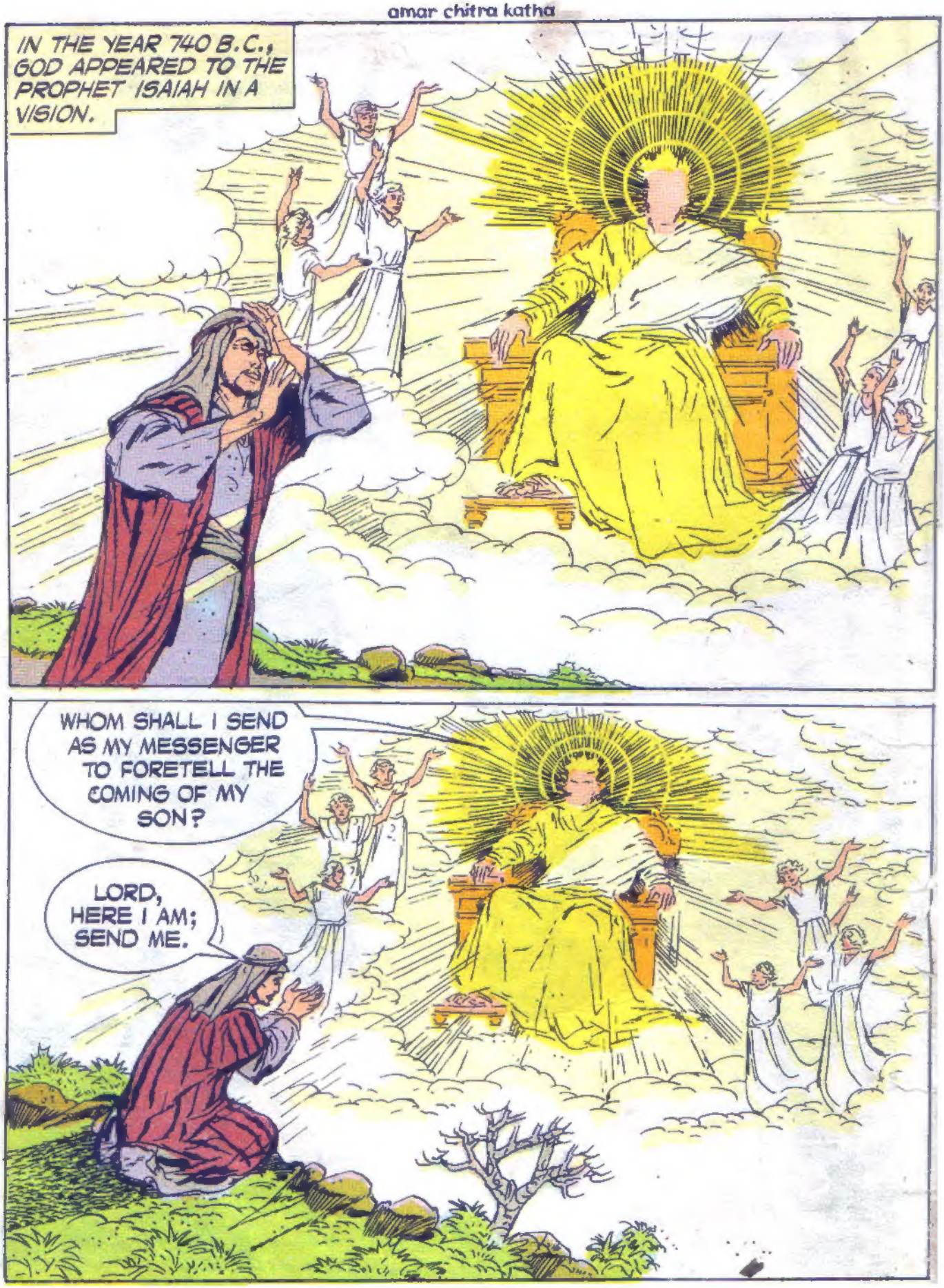
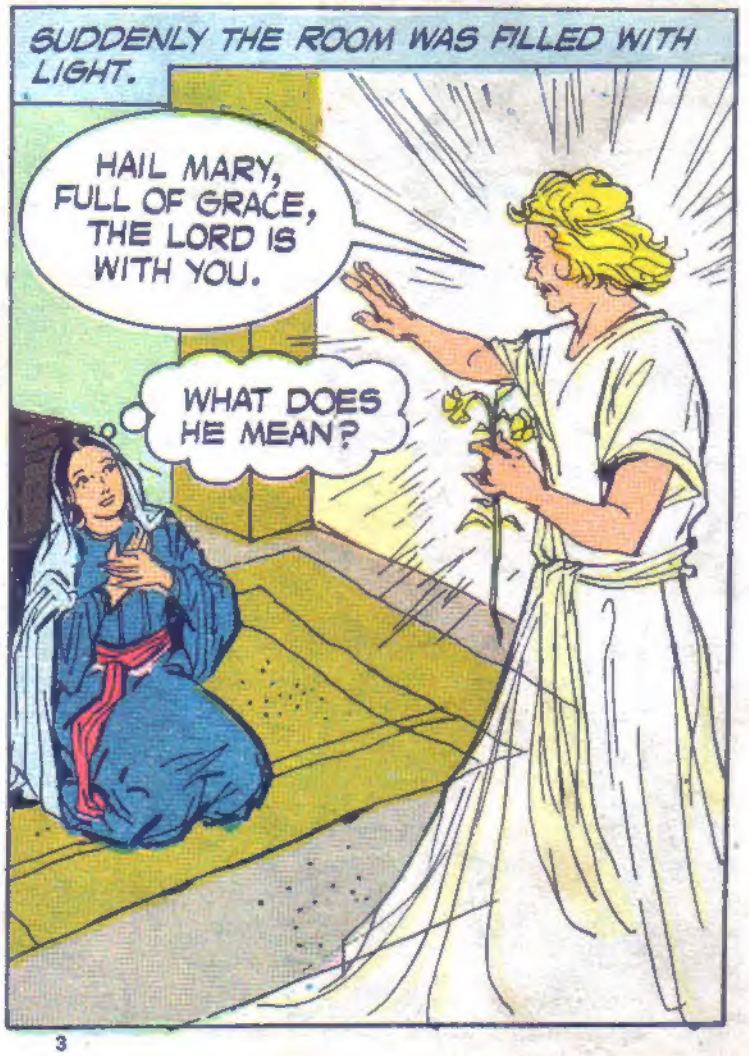
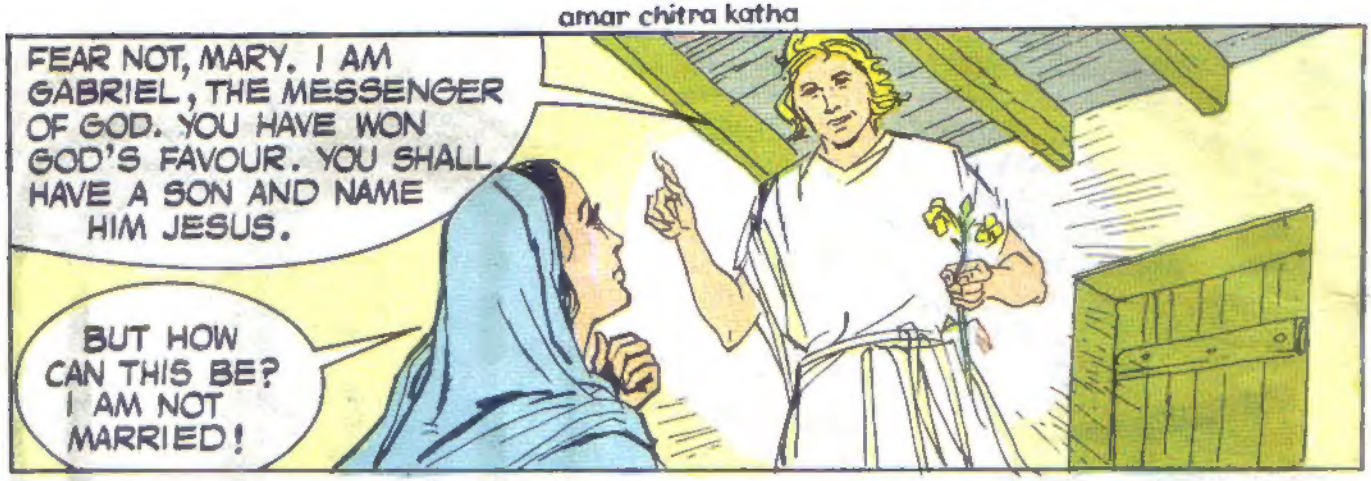


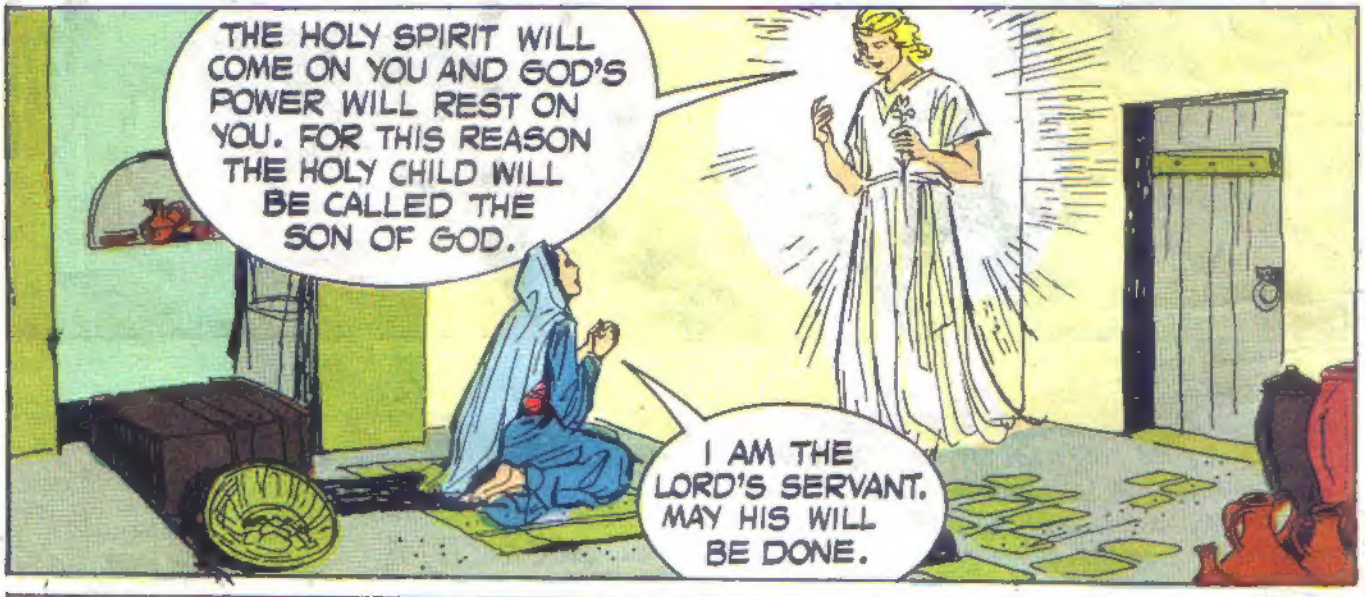

IN THE YEAR 740 B.C., GOD APPEARED TO THE PROPHET ISAIAH IN A VISION.
WHOM SHALL I SEND AS MY MESSENGER TO FORETELL THE COMING OF MY SON?
LORD, HERE I AM; SEND ME.

ISAIAH PREACHED GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.
THE LORD GOD SAYS THIS: "A VIRGIN WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON. HE WILL BE OUR KING. HE WILL BE CALLED 'EMMANUEL,' WHICH MEANS 'GOD IS WITH US'. HE WILL BE CALLED THE PRINCE OF PEACE."
PRAISE GOD, FOR THE SAVIOUR IS COMING!

FOR MANY YEARS, THE PEOPLE WAITED AND PRAYED FOR THEIR SAVIOUR. IN NAZARETH, A TOWN IN PALESTINE, A YOUNG MAIDEN WAS ALSO PRAYING. HER NAME WAS MARY.
MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR THE LORD. WHEN SHALL I SEE HIM FACE TO FACE?

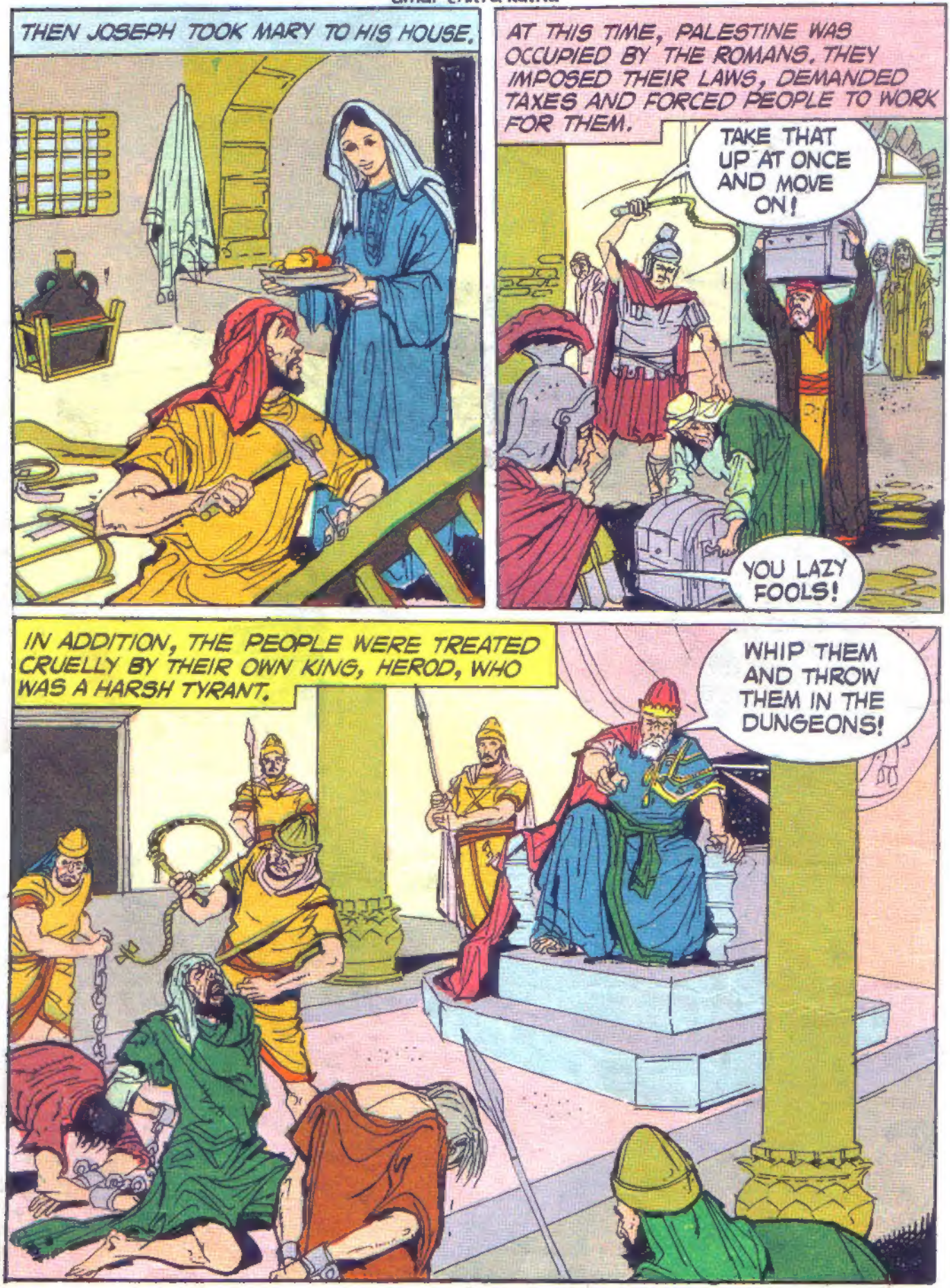

SUDDENLY THE ROOM WAS FILLED WITH LIGHT.
HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU.
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?



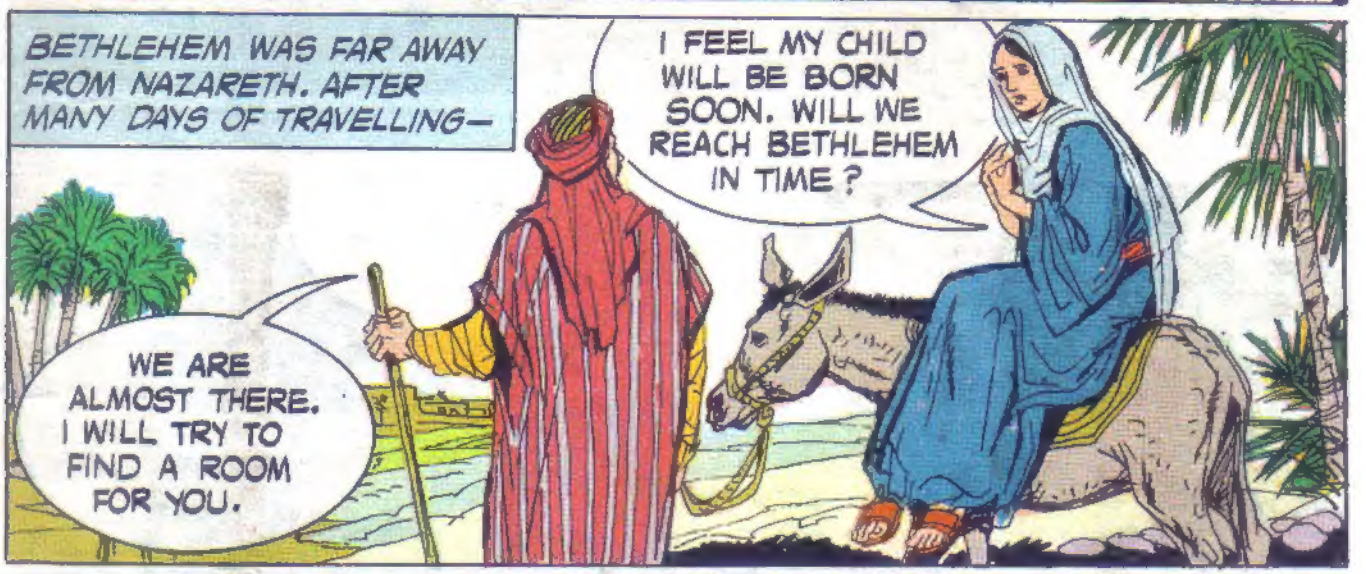


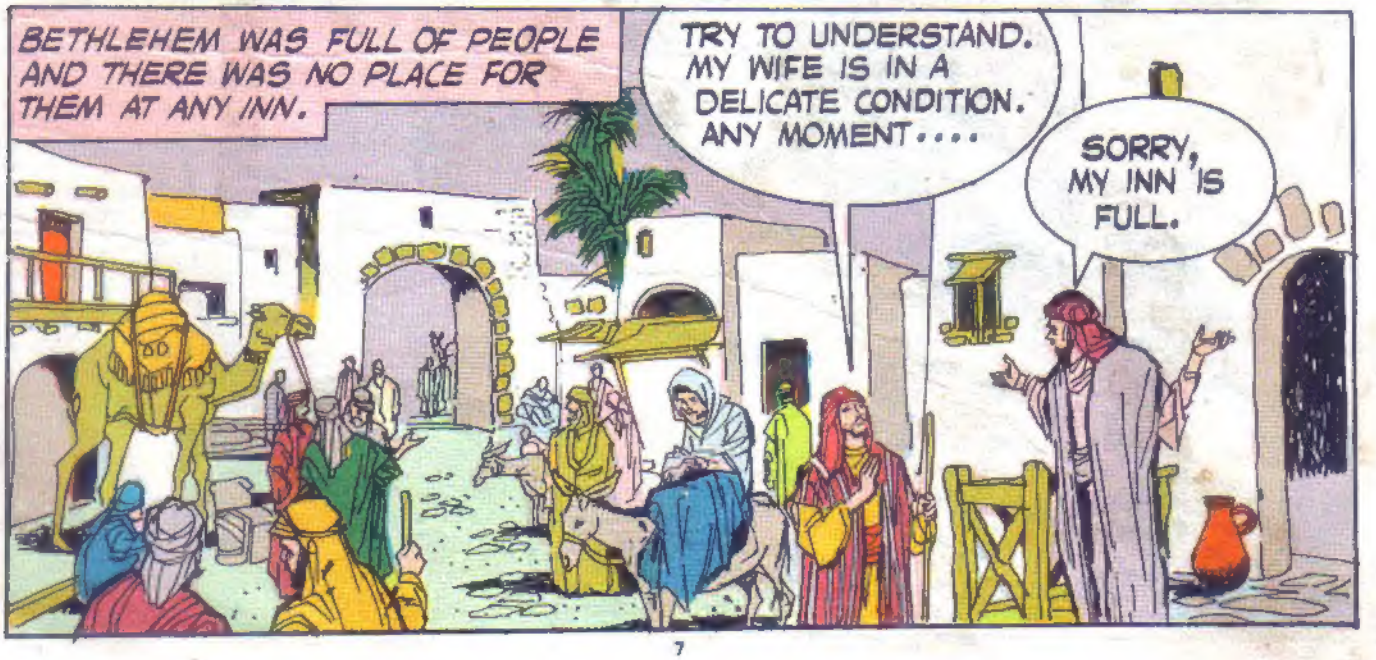
MARY WAS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO JOSEPH, A CARPENTER OF NAZARETH.

BUT THE ANGEL APPEARED TO JOSEPH IN A DREAM—
JOSEPH DO NOT BE SURPRISED TO FIND THAT MARY IS TO HAVE A CHILD. THIS IS GOD'S WORK.
I AM A SIMPLE CARPENTER. HOW CAN I DESERVE SUCH A GREAT HONOUR?
GOD JUDGES A MAN BY HIS HEART— NOT BY HIS STATUS. TAKE MARY HOME. PROTECT HER AND THE CHILD WHO IS TO BE BORN.
I WILL DO AS YOU SAY.
SO JOSEPH MARRIED MARY.

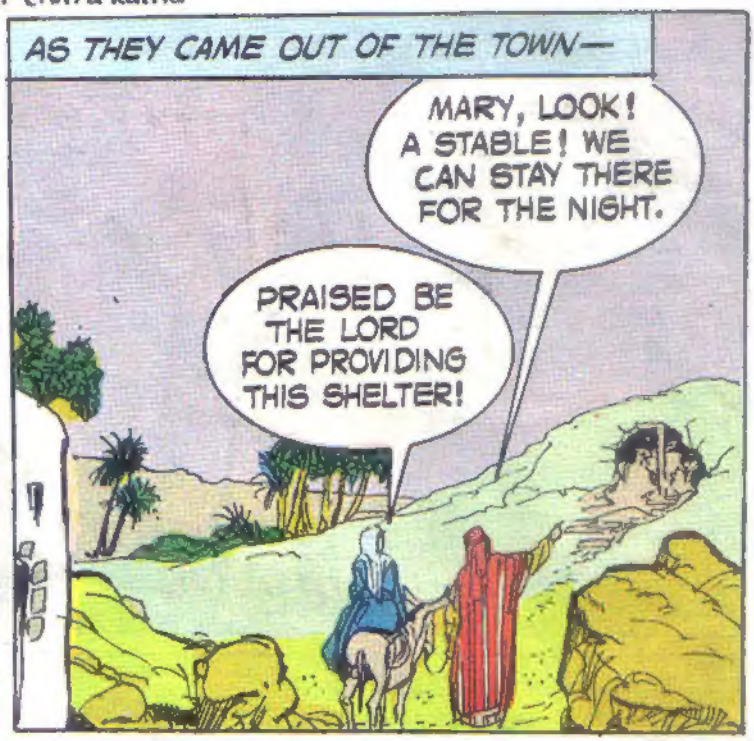

THEN JOSEPH TOOK MARY TO HIS HOUSE.
AT THIS TIME, PALESTINE WAS OCCUPIED BY THE ROMANS. THEY IMPOSED THEIR LAWS, DEMANDED TAXES AND FORCED PEOPLE TO WORK FOR THEM.
TAKE THAT UP AT ONCE AND MOVE ON!
YOU LAZY FOOLS!
IN ADDITION, THE PEOPLE WERE TREATED CRUELLY BY THEIR OWN KING, HEROD, WHO WAS A HARSH TYRANT.
WHIP THEM AND THROW THEM IN THE DUNGEONS!

ONE DAY—
MARY, I HAVE BAD NEWS. THE ROMANS ARE TAKING A CENSUS. WE HAVE TO GO TO OUR HOME-TOWN, BETHLEHEM, TO REGISTER OUR NAMES.
GOD MUST HAVE A PURPOSE IN THIS, JOSEPH. LET US GO.


BETHLEHEM WAS FAR AWAY FROM NAZARETH. AFTER MANY DAYS OF TRAVELLING—
I FEEL MY CHILD WILL BE BORN SOON. WILL WE REACH BETHLEHEM IN TIME?
WE ARE ALMOST THERE. I WILL TRY TO FIND A ROOM FOR YOU.


BETHLEHEM WAS FULL OF PEOPLE AND THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR THEM AT ANY INN.
TRY TO UNDERSTAND. MY WIFE IS IN A DELICATE CONDITION. ANY MOMENT....
SORRY, MY INN IS FULL.

NEVER MIND JOSEPH, GOD WILL LOOK AFTER US.


AS THEY CAME OUT OF THE TOWN—
MARY, LOOK! A STABLE! WE CAN STAY THERE FOR THE NIGHT.
PRAISED BE THE LORD FOR PROVIDING THIS SHELTER!

AT MIDNIGHT, THE CHILD WAS BORN.
WHAT A LOVELY CHILD—MY LITTLE SON, JESUS, THE HOPE OF ISRAEL!

THERE WERE, IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, SOME SHEPHERDS WHO WERE KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCKS.
IT IS A STRANGE AND QUIET NIGHT.
YES, I NOTICED THAT— NO HOWLING OF WOLVES, NO BLEATING OF SHEEP, NOT EVEN THE WHISPERING OF THE WIND!
SUDDENLY, AN ANGEL APPEARED BEFORE THEM—
PEACE! I BRING YOU JOYOUS NEWS! A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN IN THE STABLE NEAR BY HE WILL BE THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND!
SOON THE SKY WAS FILLED WITH ANGELS SINGING IN PRAISE OF GOD.
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, TO ALL MEN!

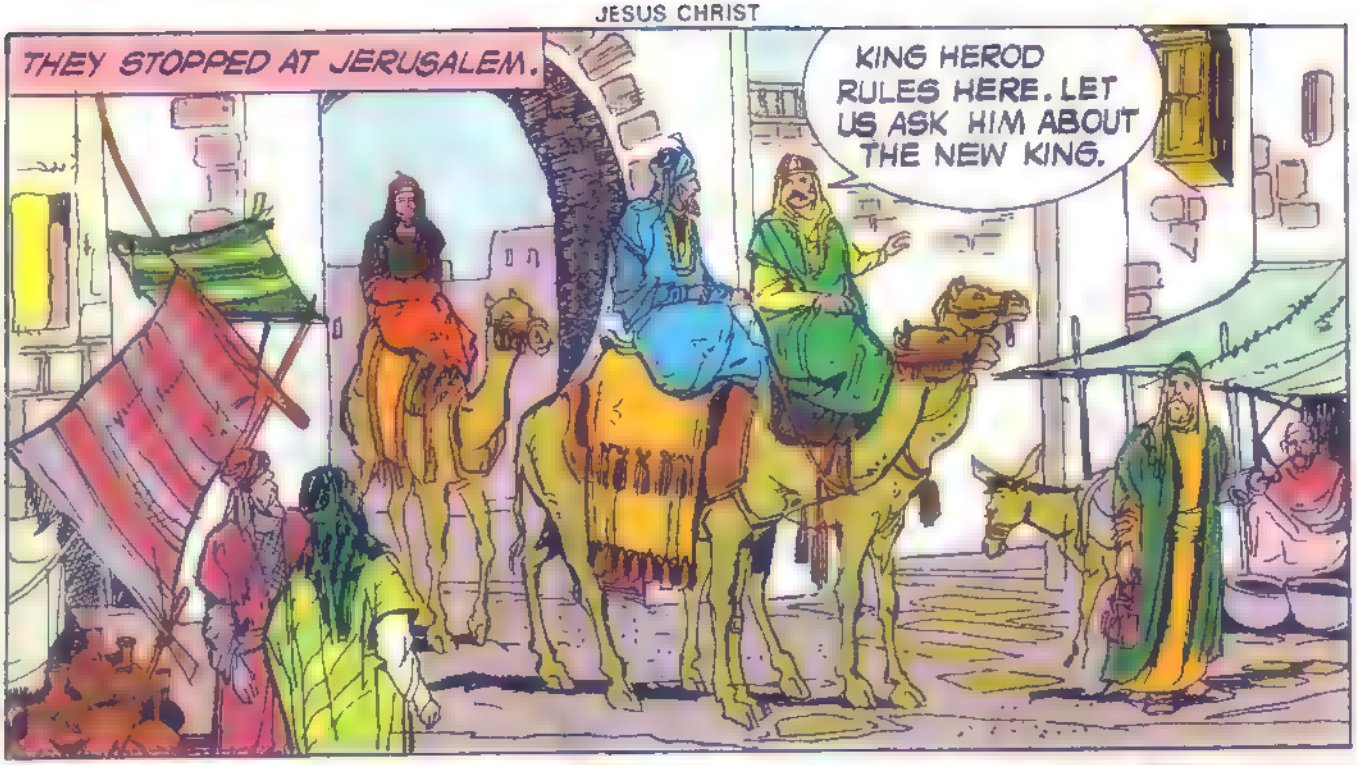
WHEN THE ANGELS HAD GONE, THE SHEPHERDS WENT TO THE STABLE.

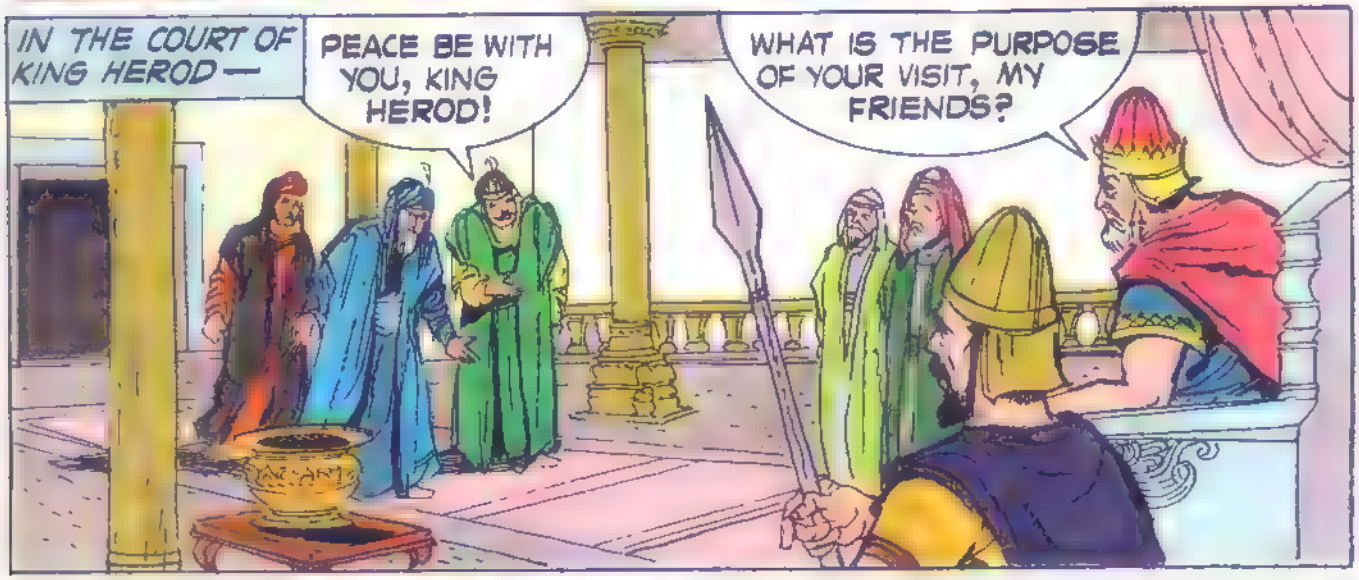
THIS CHILD IS DESTINED FOR GREAT THINGS!

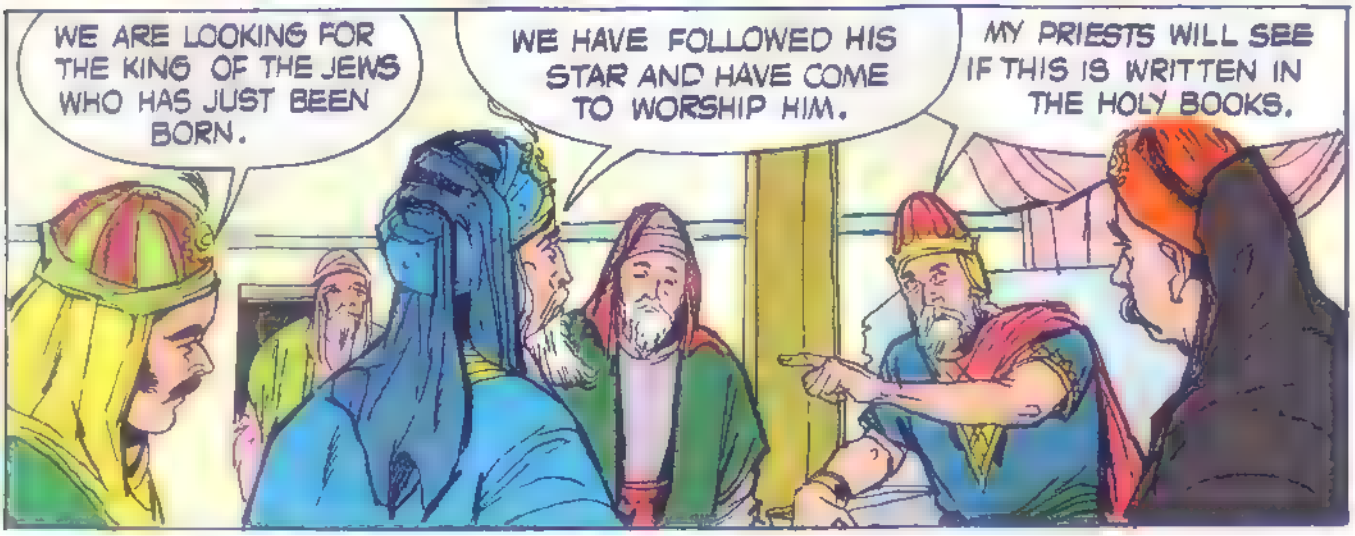
HOW HAPPY WE ARE TO BEHOLD HIM WITH OUR OWN EYES!

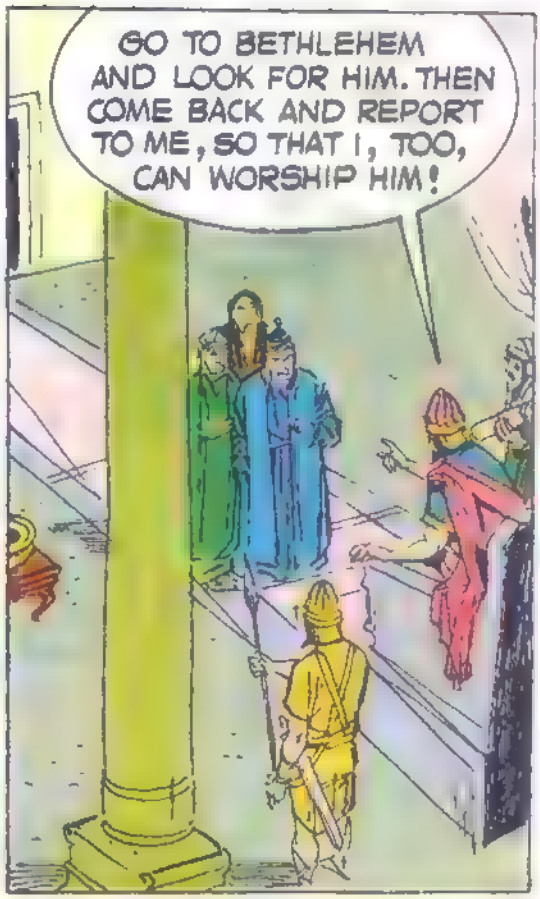
THEN THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED AND TOLD EVERYONE ABOUT THE CHILD THEY HAD SEEN AND WHAT THE ANGEL HAD SAID CONCERNING HIM.

ON THE SAME NIGHT, THREE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST CAME TOWARDS JERUSALEM, GUIDED BY A BRILLIANT STAR.


THEY STOPPED AT JERUSALEM.
KING HEROD RULES HERE. LET US ASK HIM ABOUT THE NEW KING.


IN THE COURT OF KING HEROD—
PEACE BE WITH YOU, KING HEROD!
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT, MY FRIENDS?


WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE KING OF THE JEWS WHO HAS JUST BEEN BORN.
WE HAVE FOLLOWED HIS STAR AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.
MY PRIESTS WILL SEE IF THIS IS WRITTEN IN THE HOLY BOOKS.



WHEN THE WISE MEN LEFT JERUSALEM, THEY SAW THE STAR AGAIN WHICH LED THEM TO THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM.

I BRING YOU A GIFT OF GOLD, FOR YOU ARE THE KING OF ALL NATIONS.

FROM ME, A GIFT OF INCENSE, FOR YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD.

AND I BRING A GIFT OF MYRRH TO EMBALM YOUR BODY— FOR YOU WILL DIE TO SAVE US.

IN WELCOMING THE SAVIOUR THE WISE MEN REPRESENTED ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL. BUT THE POWERS OF EVIL WERE ALSO AT WORK.

SO DURING THE NIGHT, AN ANGEL APPEARED TO THE WISE MEN.

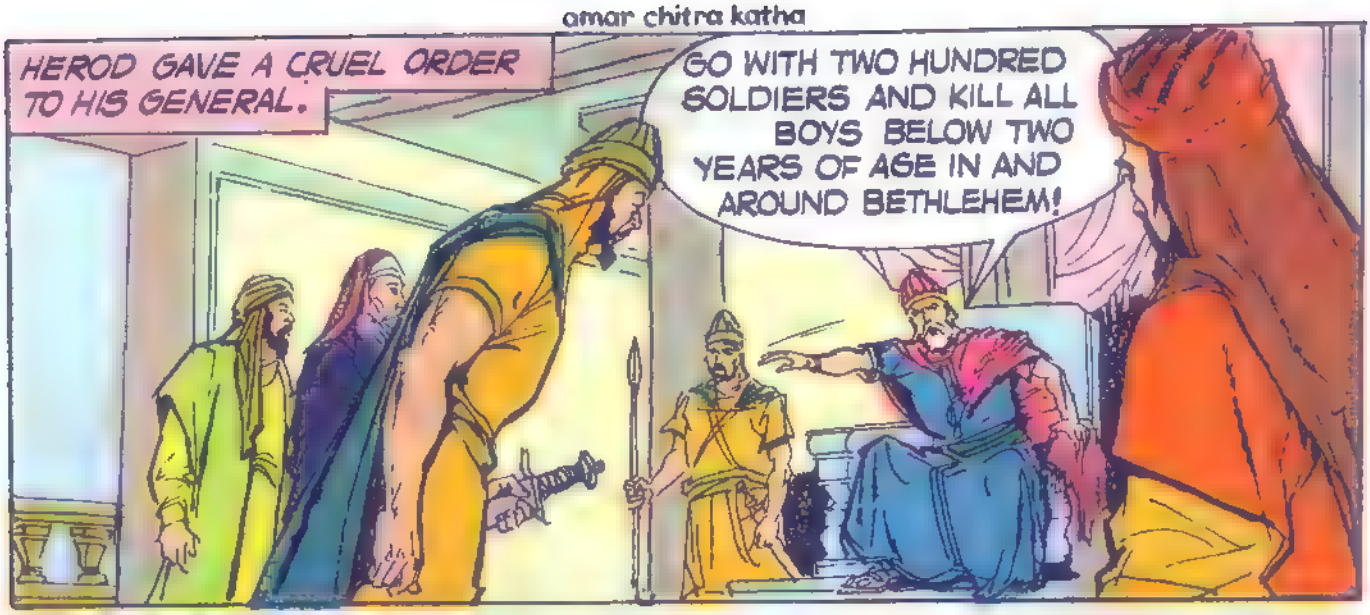
LEAVE BY ANOTHER ROUTE. DO NOT GO BACK TO HEROD. HE WANTS TO KILL THE CHILD.

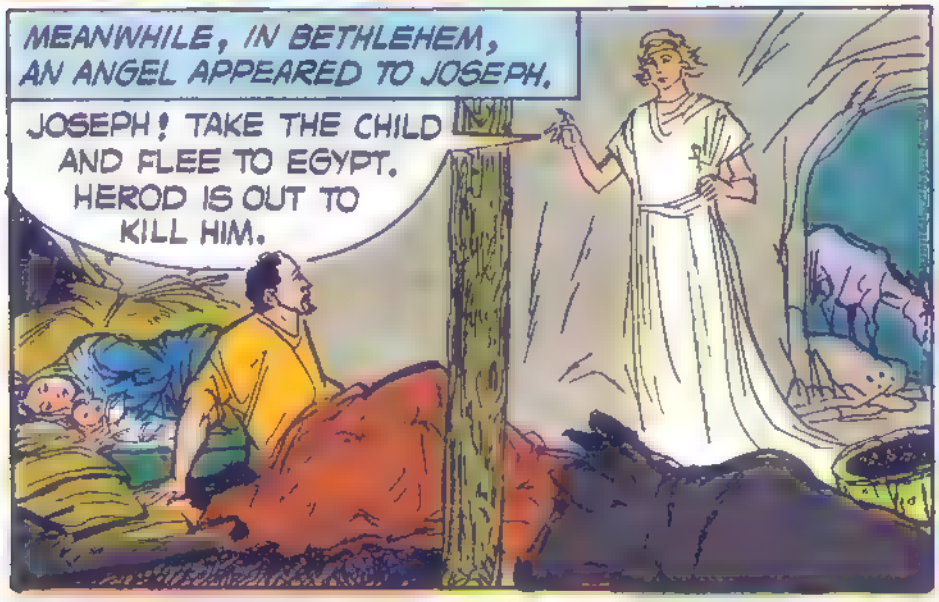
THE WISE MEN OBEYED THE ANGEL.

MEANWHILE, HEROD WAS GETTING RESTLESS. JUST THEN—

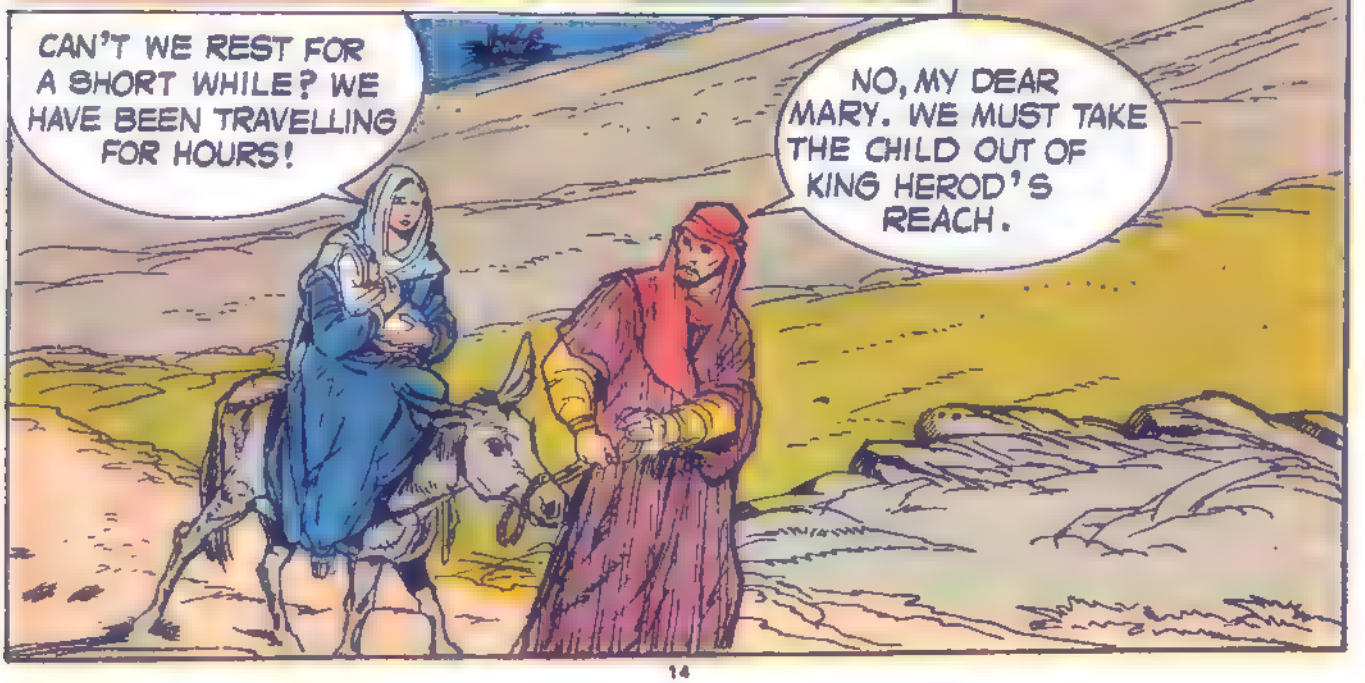
YOUR MAJESTY! THE THREE WISE MEN HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY!

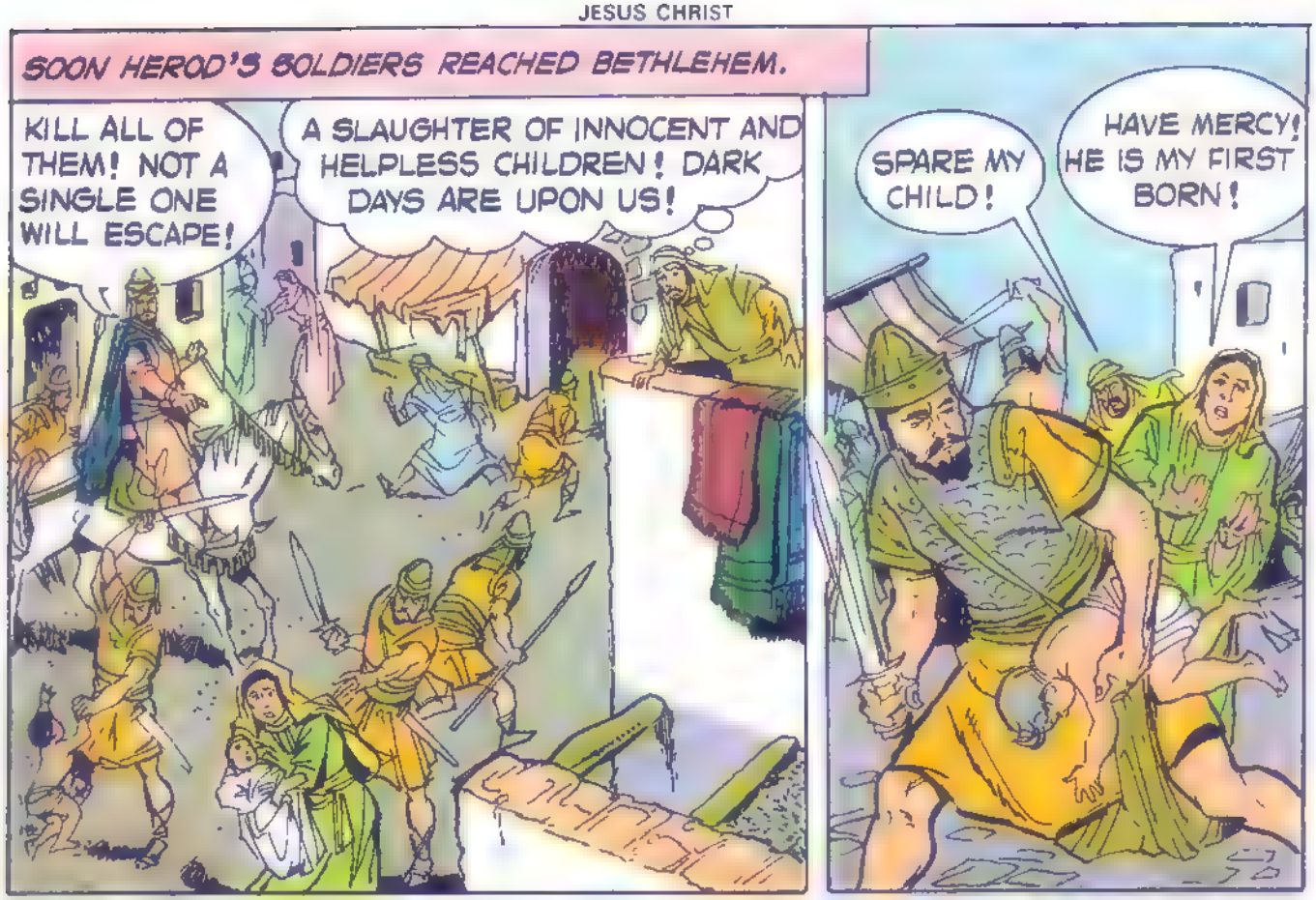
I MUST ACT QUICKLY! BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE CHILD IS. HE MAY ESCAPE!


HEROD GAVE A CRUEL ORDER TO HIS GENERAL.
GO WITH TWO HUNDRED SOLDIERS AND KILL ALL BOYS BELOW TWO YEARS OF AGE IN AND AROUND BETHLEHEM!

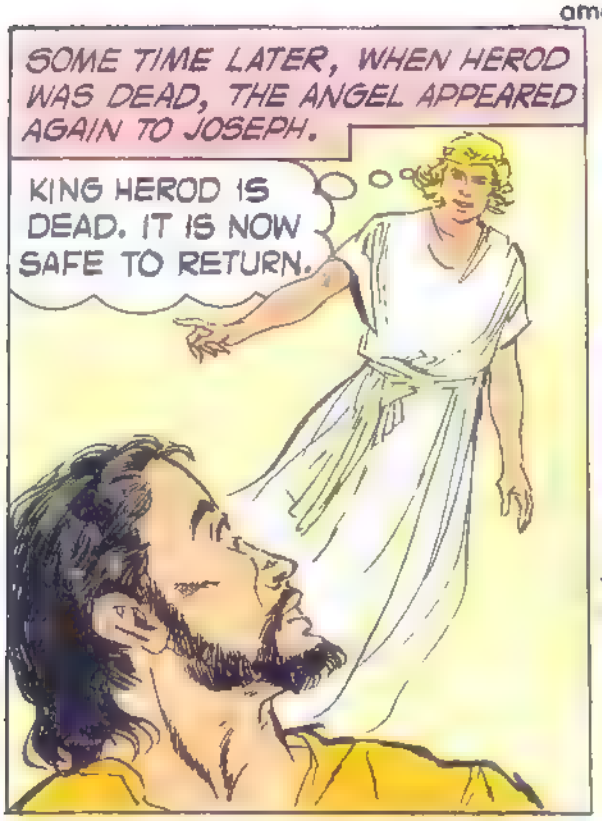

MEANWHILE, IN BETHLEHEM, AN ANGEL APPEARED TO JOSEPH.
JOSEPH! TAKE THE CHILD AND FLEE TO EGYPT. HEROD IS OUT TO KILL HIM.

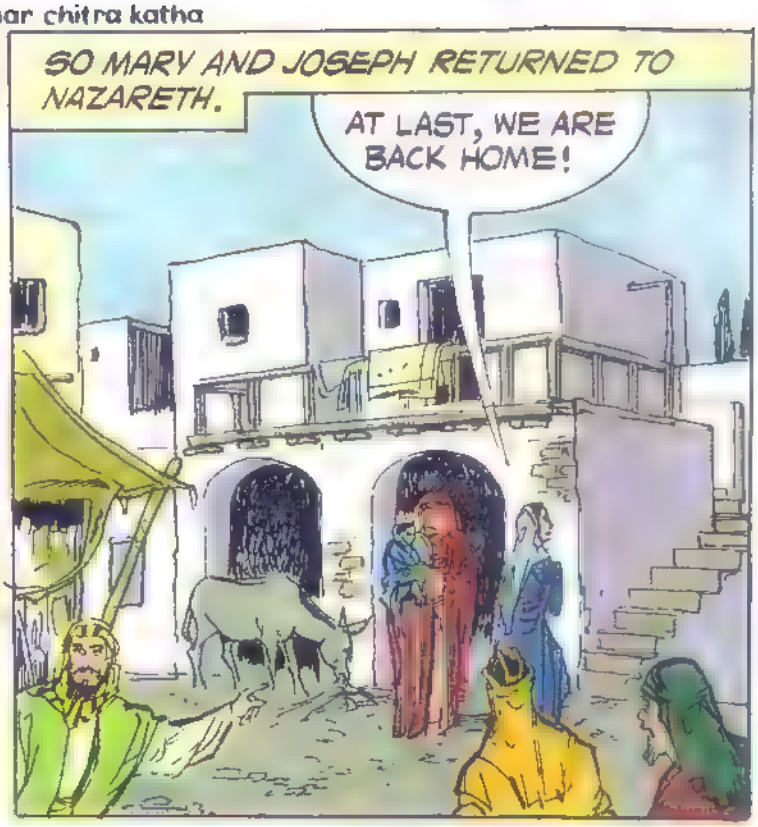
JOSEPH AND MARY OBEYED THE ANGEL AND LEFT BETHLEHEM

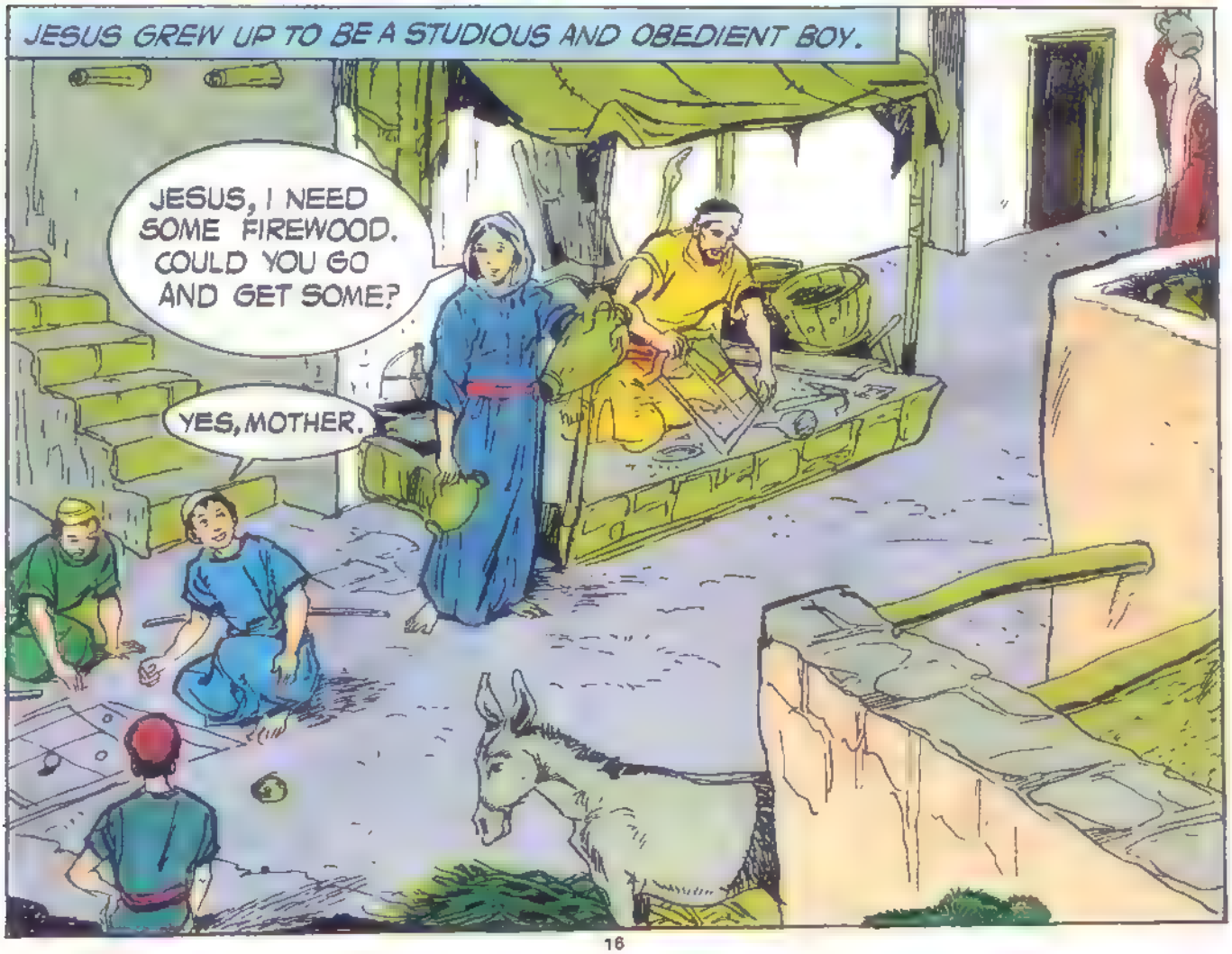

CAN'T WE REST FOR A SHORT WHILE? WE HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING FOR HOURS!
NO, MY DEAR MARY. WE MUST TAKE THE CHILD OUT OF KING HEROD'S REACH.

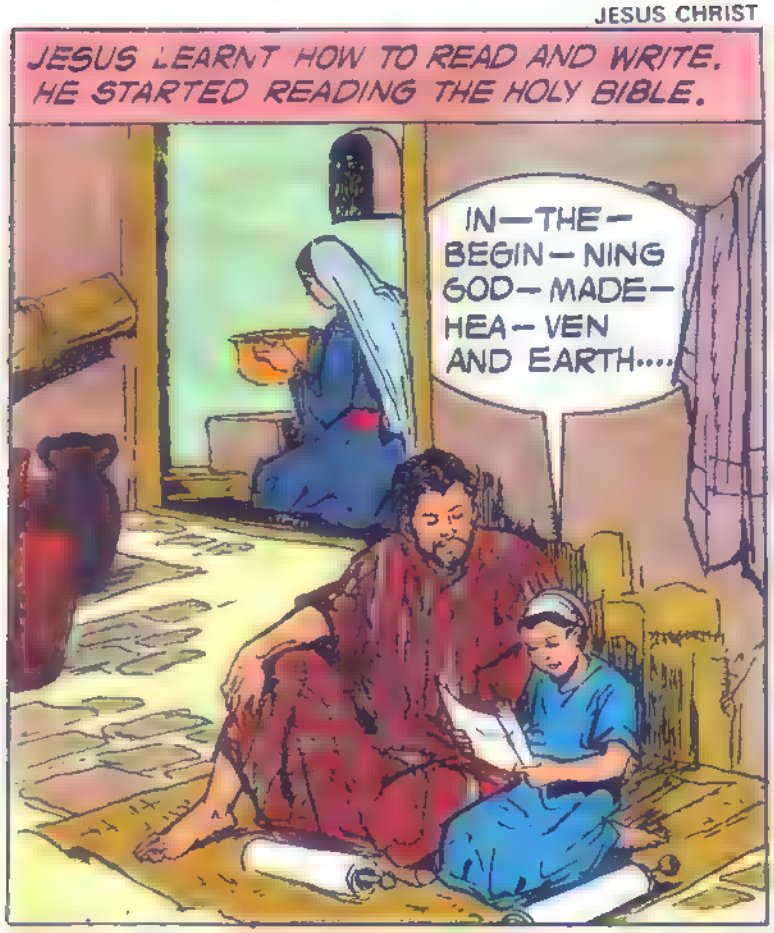

SOON HEROD'S SOLDIERS REACHED BETHLEHEM.
KILL ALL OF THEM! NOT A SINGLE ONE WILL ESCAPE!
A SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT AND HELPLESS CHILDREN! DARK DAYS ARE UPON US!
SPARE MY CHILD!
HAVE MERCY! HE IS MY FIRST BORN!

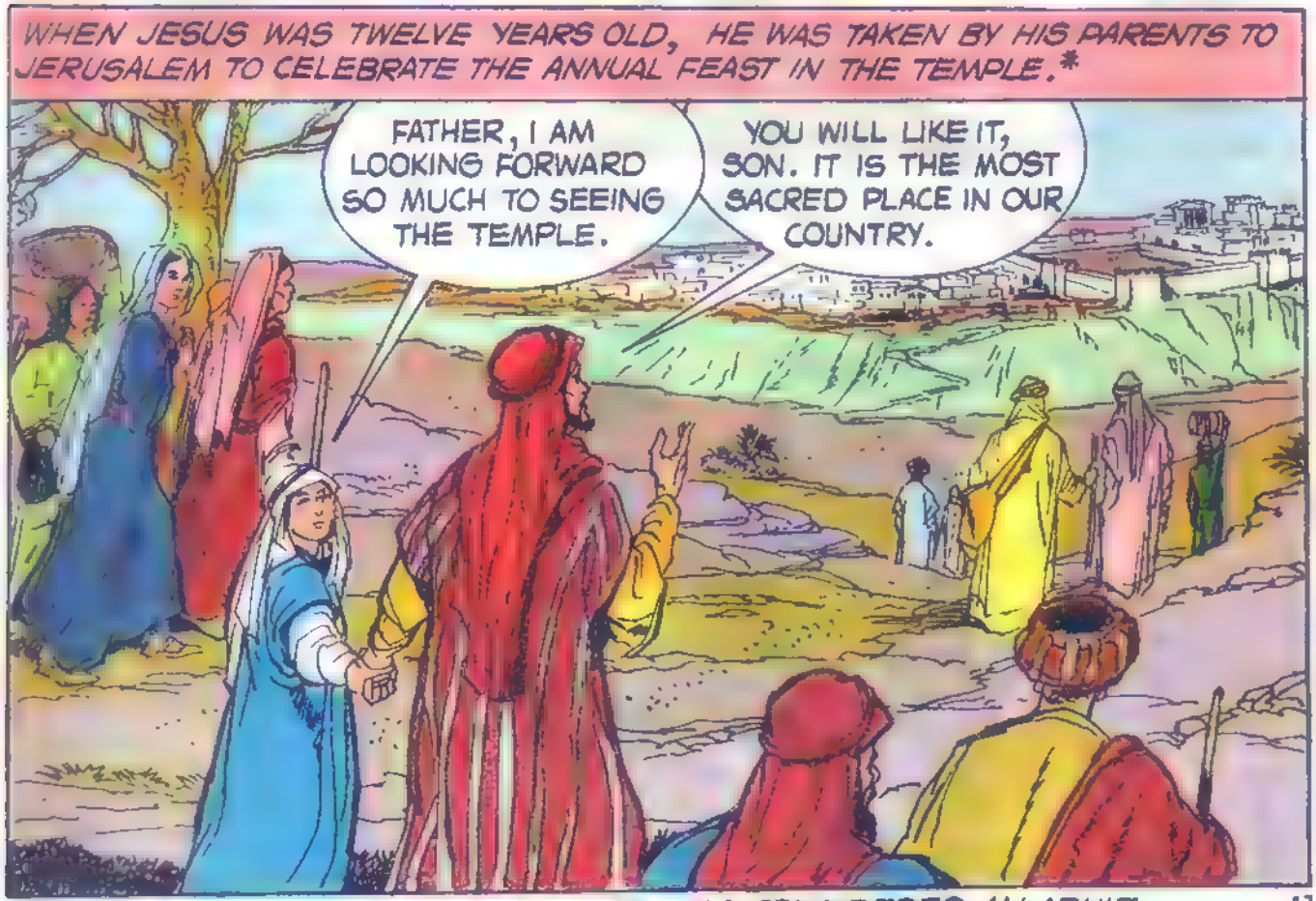
BUT THE CHILD THEY WANTED TO DESTROY WAS SAFE IN EGYPT IN THE LOVING CARE OF JOSEPH AND MARY.
MARY, WE WILL STAY HERE IN EGYPT UNTIL THE LORD TELLS US TO RETURN.


SOME TIME LATER, WHEN HEROD WAS DEAD, THE ANGEL APPEARED AGAIN TO JOSEPH.
KING HEROD IS DEAD. IT IS NOW SAFE TO RETURN.

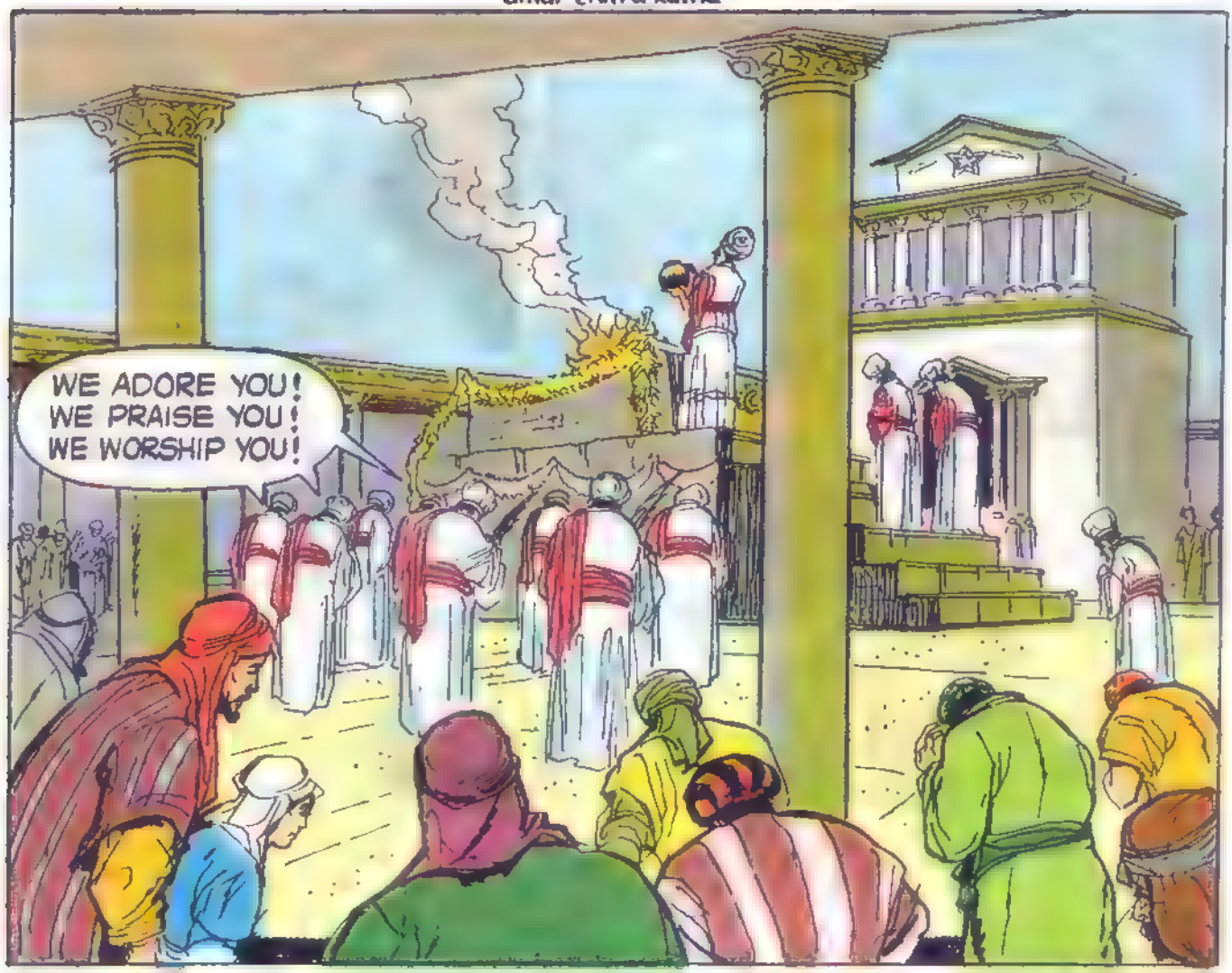

SO MARY AND JOSEPH RETURNED TO NAZARETH.
AT LAST, WE ARE BACK HOME!

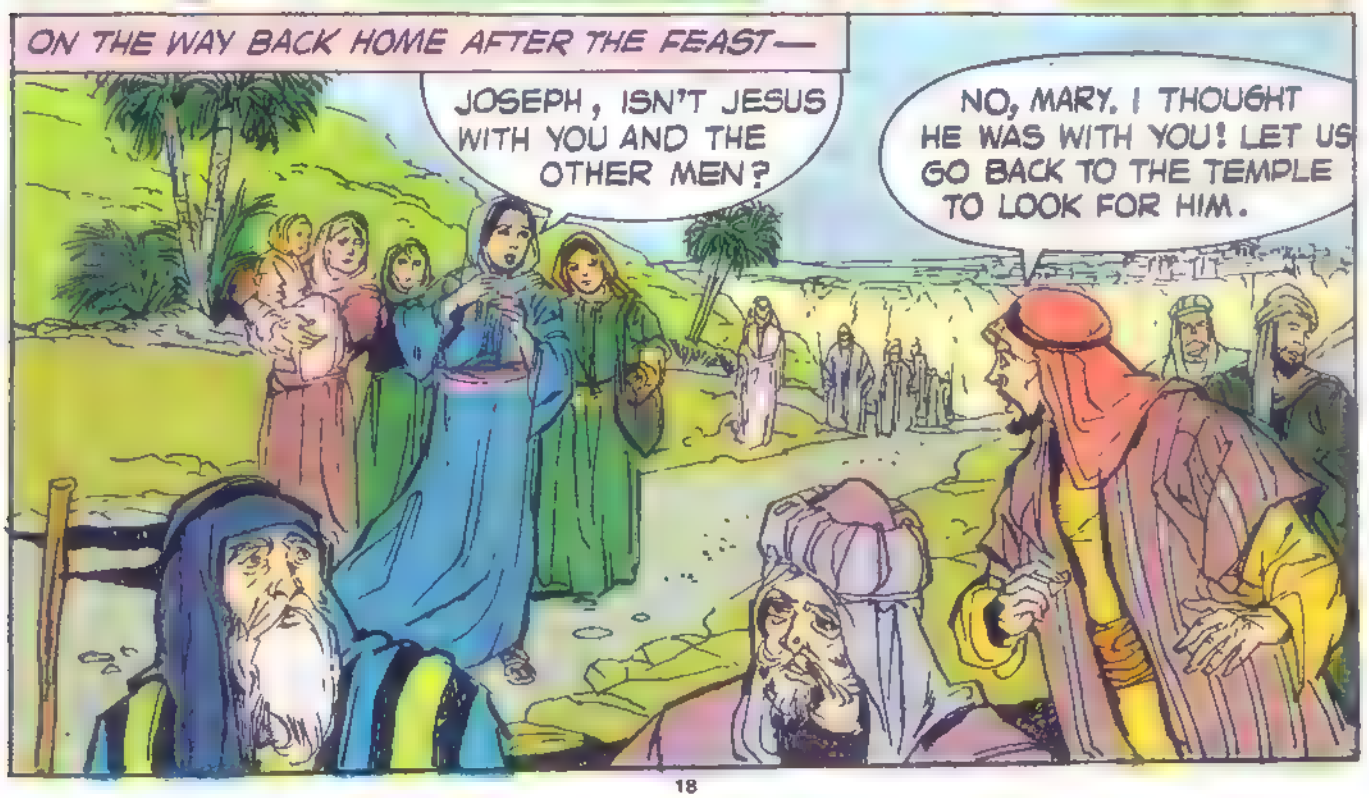

JESUS GREW UP TO BE A STUDIOUS AND OBEDIENT BOY.
JESUS, I NEED SOME FIREWOOD. COULD YOU GO AND GET SOME?
YES, MOTHER.

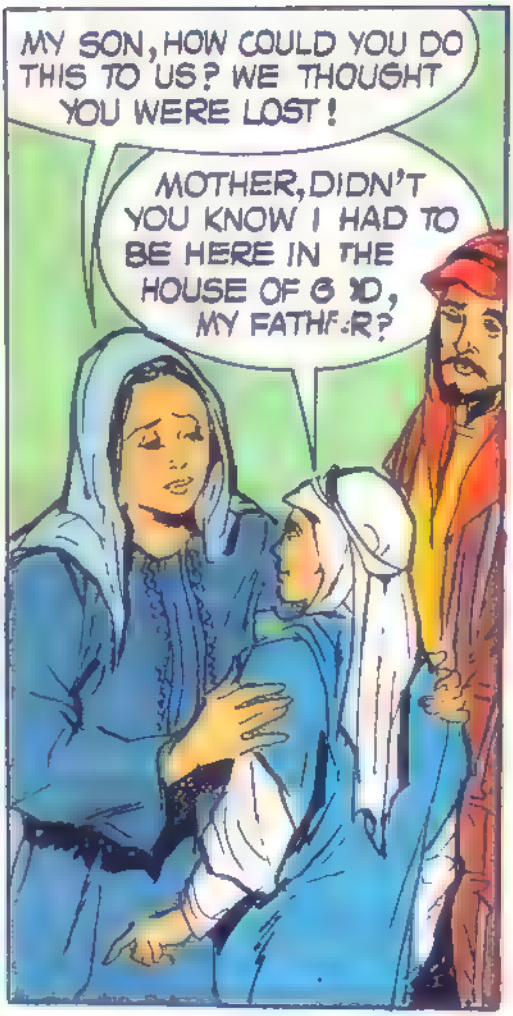


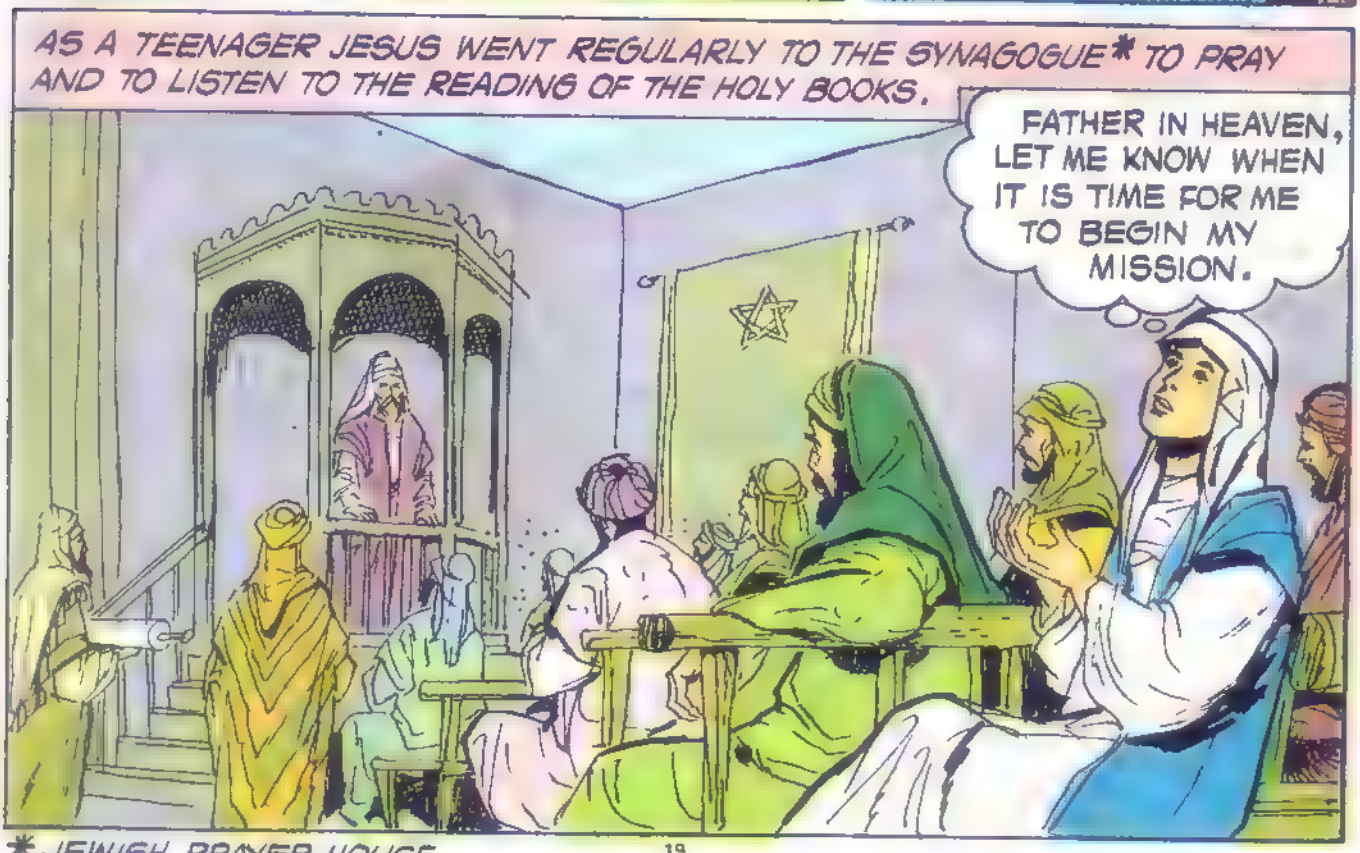


* AT THE AGE OF TWELVE A JEWISH BOY WAS CONSIDERED AN ADULT


WE ADORE YOU! WE PRAISE YOU! WE WORSHIP YOU!


ON THE WAY BACK HOME AFTER THE FEAST—
JOSEPH, ISN'T JESUS WITH YOU AND THE OTHER MEN?
NO, MARY. I THOUGHT HE WAS WITH YOU! LET US GO BACK TO THE TEMPLE TO LOOK FOR HIM.





*JEWISH PRAYER HOUSE

WHEN HE GREW UP TO BE A YOUNG MAN, JESUS WORKED AS A CARPENTER, MAKING TOOLS AND BUILDING HOUSES.

LIKE HIS FATHER, JOSEPH, JESUS IS A FIRST-RATE CARPENTER.

YES, I WILL ASK HIM TO BUILD MY NEW HOUSE FOR ME.

IF ONLY PEOPLE KNEW THAT I HAVE COME TO BUILD A NEW WORLD OF LOVE AND PEACE!

WHEN JESUS WAS THIRTY YEARS OLD, AN ASCETIC CALLED JOHN THE BAPTIST BEGAN TO PREACH NEAR THE RIVER JORDAN.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD IN YOUR HEARTS! CHANGE YOUR SINFUL WAYS! RECEIVE BAPTISM* IN WATER AS A SIGN OF YOUR NEW LIFE!

* A RITE IN WHICH A PERSON IS IMMERSED IN WATER TO SYMBOLIZE A CHANGE FROM HIS SINFUL LIFE

LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WENT TO JOHN TO BE BAPTISED. ONE DAY, JESUS WENT TO HIM.

JOHN, ARE YOU THE PROMISED SAVIOUR?

NO, I BAPTISE ONLY WITH WATER. BUT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE SAVIOUR WHO WILL BAPTISE YOU WITH GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT. HE IS MUCH GREATER THAN I AM. I AM NOT WORTHY TO UNTIE THE STRAPS OF HIS SANDALS.

JESUS STEPPED FORWARD.

PLEASE BAPTISE ME TOO!

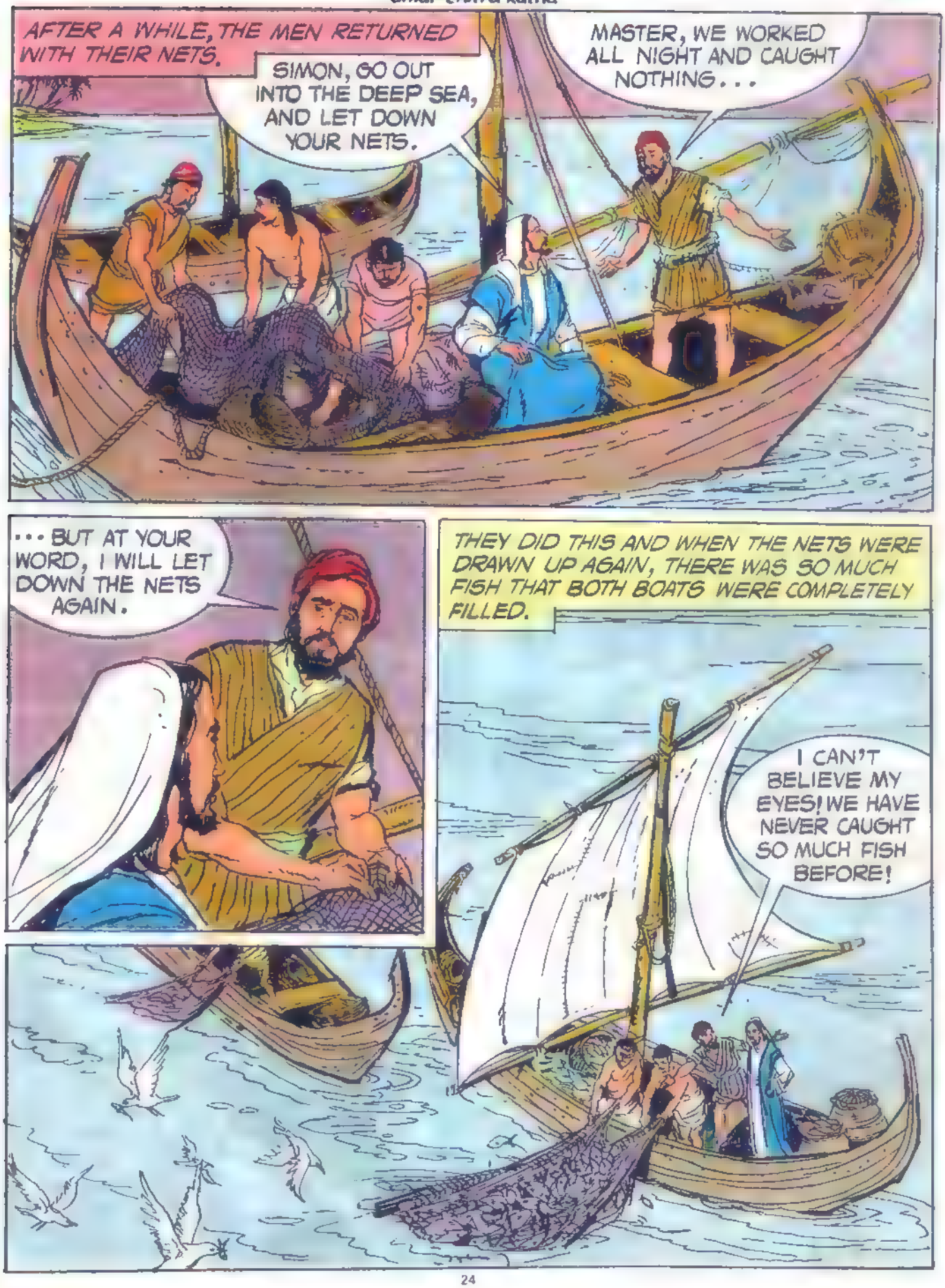
JOHN BAPTISED JESUS.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.

GOD THE FATHER DECLARED JESUS TO BE HIS SON, AND GOD'S SPIRIT CAME DOWN UPON HIM IN THE SHAPE OF A DOVE.

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, JESUS THEN WENT TO THE DESERT TO FAST AND PRAY.
THERE THE DEVIL TEMPTED JESUS WHEN HE WAS HUNGRY AND WEAK—
IF YOU ARE GOD'S SON TURN THESE STONES INTO BREAD!
MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD!
THEN THE DEVIL TOOK JESUS TO THE TOP OF THE TEMPLE—
IF YOU ARE GOD'S SON, SHOW YOUR POWER! JUMP DOWN FROM HERE. GOD WILL SAVE YOU!
GO AWAY! DON'T TEMPT GOD!

THE DEVIL NEXT TOOK JESUS TO A MOUNTAIN TOP —
DO YOU SEE THESE GREAT KINGDOMS? I WILL GIVE THEM ALL TO YOU, IF YOU WILL FALL AT MY FEET AND WORSHIP ME!
GO AWAY, SATAN! GOD AND GOD ALONE IS TO BE WORSHIPPED!
AFTER FORTY DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYER IN THE DESERT, JESUS RETURNED TO GALILEE TO PREACH. ONE DAY, WHEN HE WAS NEAR THE LAKE OF GALILEE, THE PEOPLE GATHERED TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.
GOOD PEOPLE, THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME.
WHEN THE CROWD DISPERSED, JESUS NOTICED TWO BOATS STANDING BY THE LAKE. HE ENTERED THE ONE WHICH BELONGED TO A FISHERMAN NAMED SIMON.
WHERE ARE YOUR COMPANIONS?
THEY ARE OUT THERE, WASHING THEIR NETS.


AFTER A WHILE, THE MEN RETURNED WITH THEIR NETS.
SIMON, GO OUT INTO THE DEEP SEA, AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS.
MASTER, WE WORKED ALL NIGHT AND CAUGHT NOTHING...
...BUT AT YOUR WORD, I WILL LET DOWN THE NETS AGAIN.
THEY DID THIS AND WHEN THE NETS WERE DRAWN UP AGAIN, THERE WAS SO MUCH FISH THAT BOTH BOATS WERE COMPLETELY FILLED.
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! WE HAVE NEVER CAUGHT SO MUCH FISH BEFORE!

SIMON WAS ASTONISHED AND FRIGHTENED—

LEAVE ME, LORD. YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD AND I AM A SINFUL MAN!

SIMON PETER, DO NOT BE AFRAID. FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL BE A FISHER OF MEN!

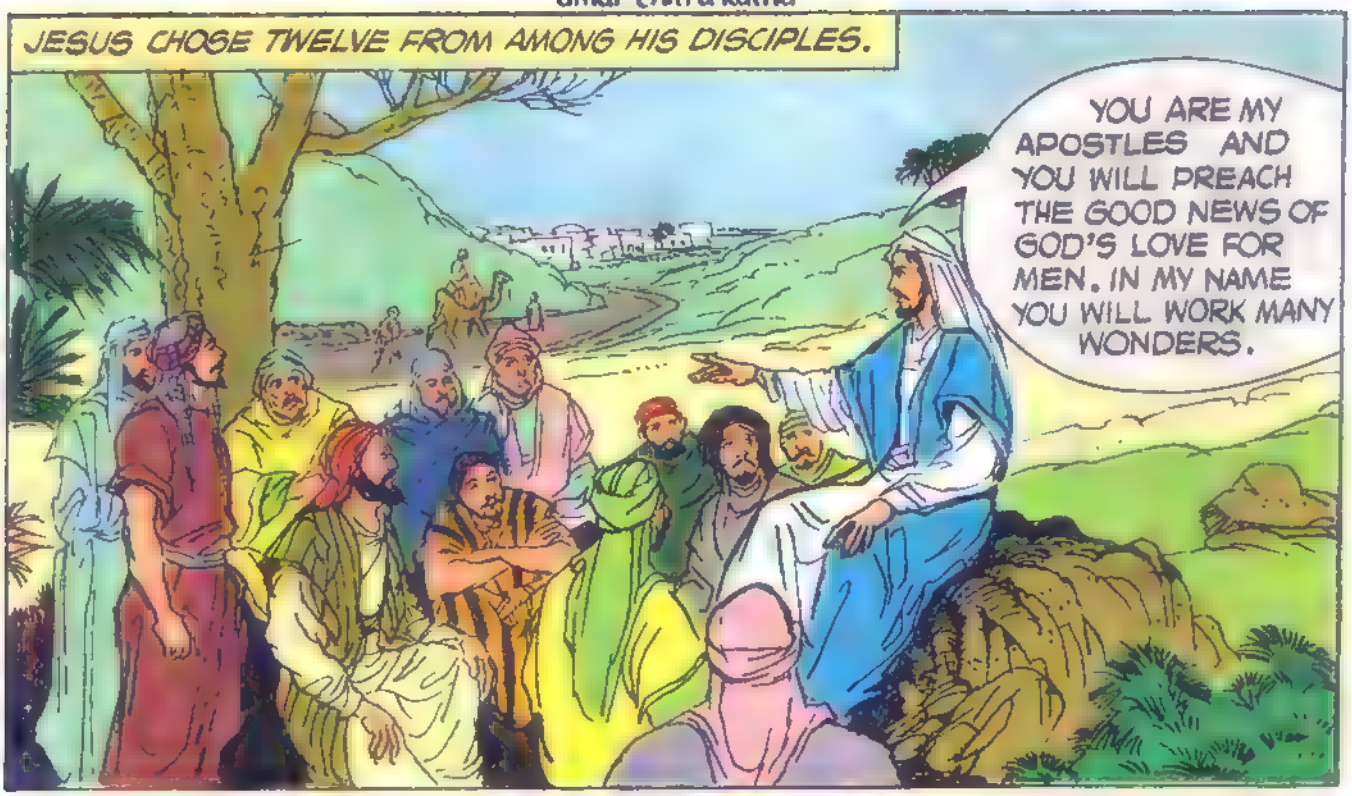
JESUS CALLED SIMON AND OTHERS TO BE HIS FIRST DISCIPLES.

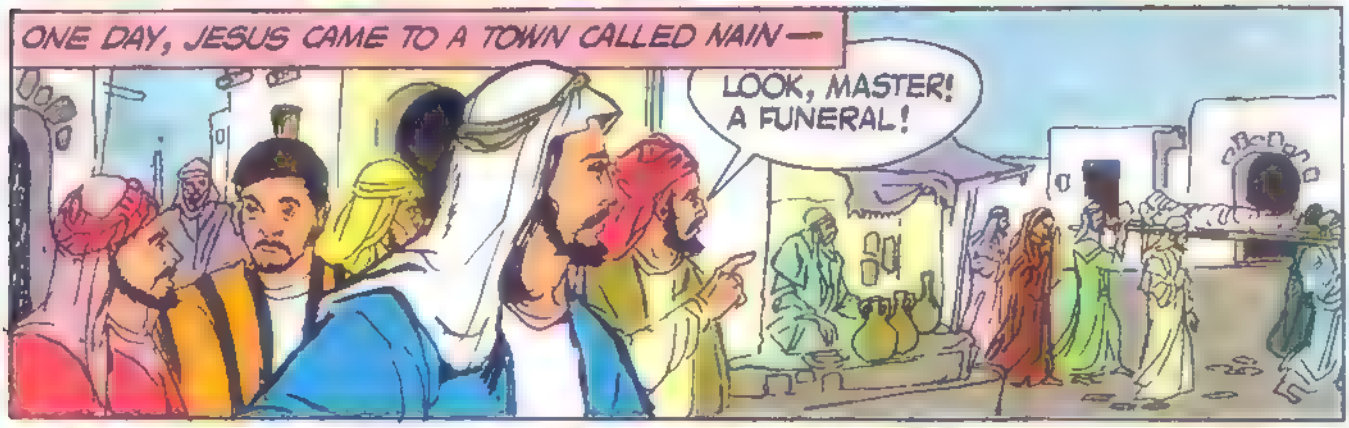
COME, FOLLOW ME, SIMON. AND YOU, TOO, ANDREW, JAMES AND JOHN.

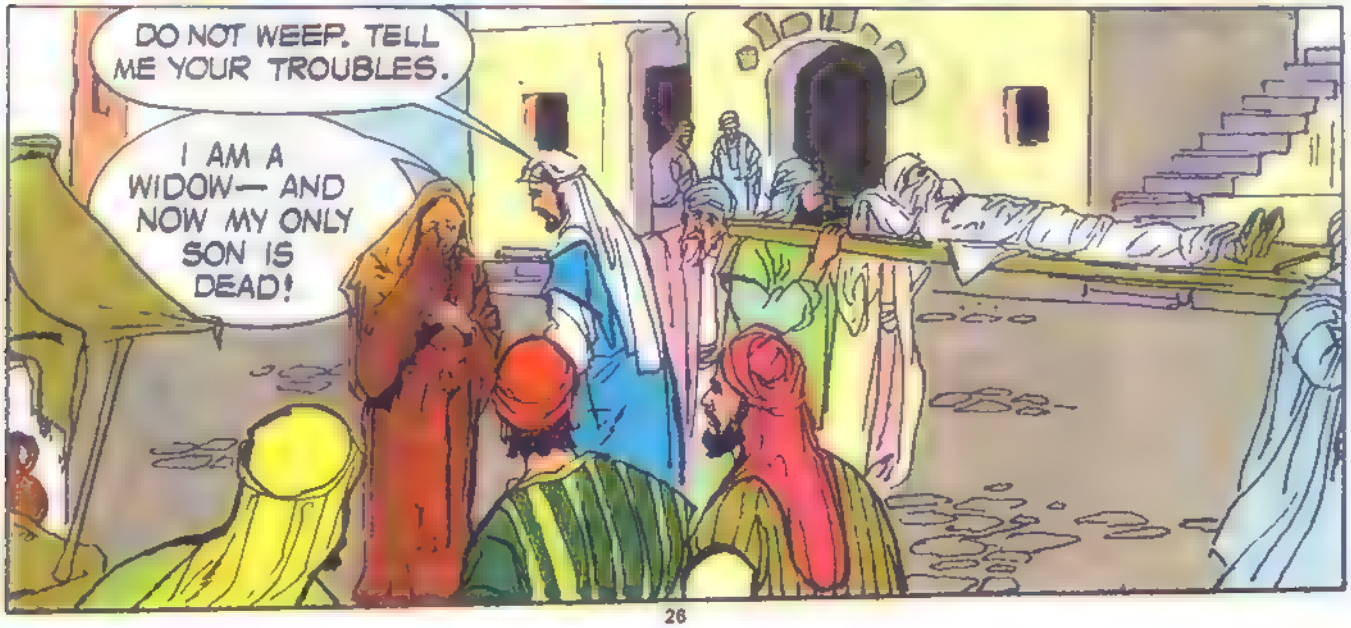
AMONG THEM WAS MATTHEW, WHO COLLECTED TAXES FOR THE ROMANS. THE JEWS HATED TAX COLLECTORS.

MATTHEW, LEAVE YOUR MONEY AND FOLLOW ME.

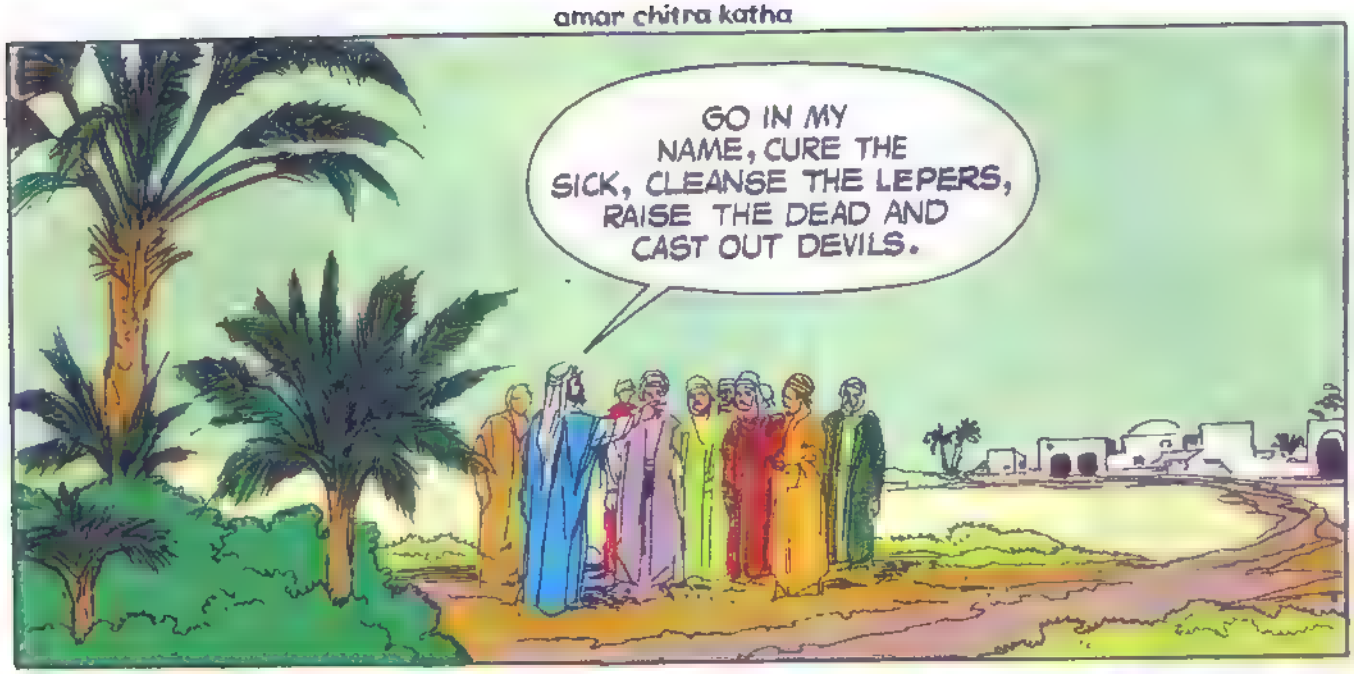
YES, MASTER.


JESUS CHOSE TWELVE FROM AMONG HIS DISCIPLES.
YOU ARE MY APOSTLES AND YOU WILL PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR MEN. IN MY NAME YOU WILL WORK MANY WONDERS.

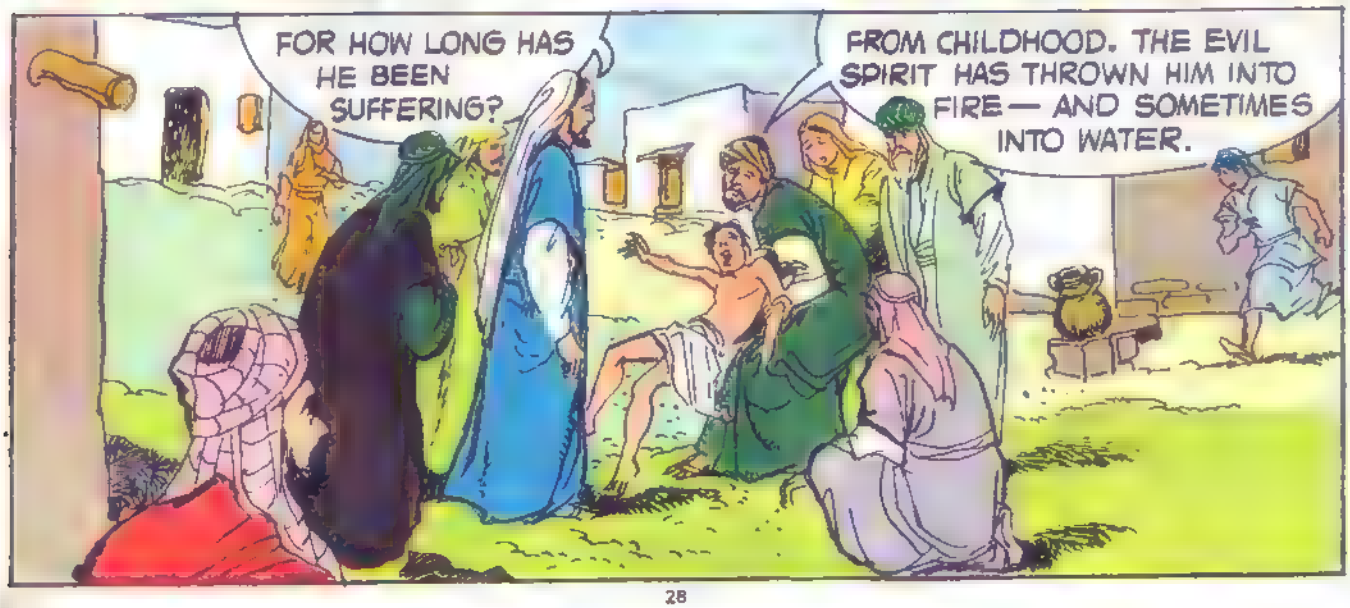

ONE DAY, JESUS CAME TO A TOWN CALLED NAIN—
LOOK, MASTER! A FUNERAL!

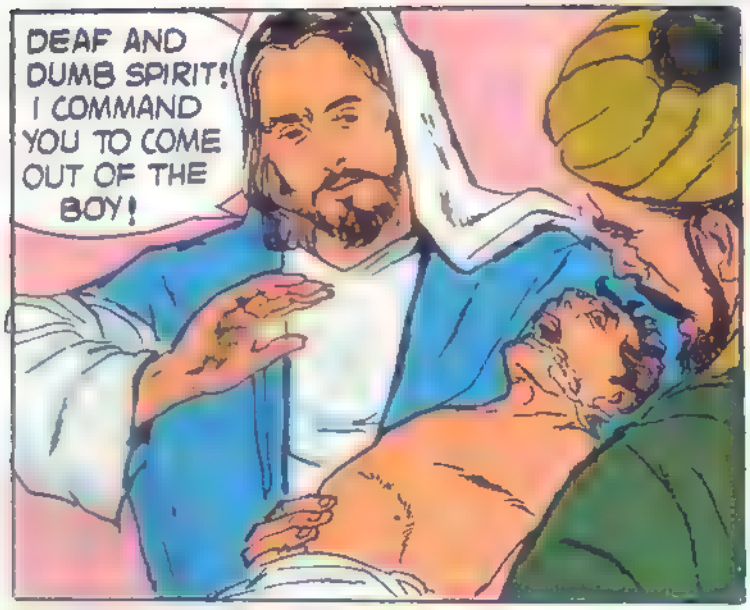

DO NOT WEEP. TELL ME YOUR TROUBLES.
I AM A WIDOW— AND NOW MY ONLY SON IS DEAD!

YOUNG MAN, I COMMAND YOU TO GET UP!
AND THE YOUNG MAN GOT UP.
HE LIVES AGAIN!
JESUS HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD!
EVEN HIS APOSTLES WERE ASTONISHED AT THE MIRACLE FOR THEY WERE NOT YET FULLY AWARE OF HIS POWERS.
LORD, WE HAVE NEVER BEFORE SEEN SUCH A MIRACLE. SURELY YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!
YOU WILL WORK GREATER WONDERS IF YOU HAVE FAITH.

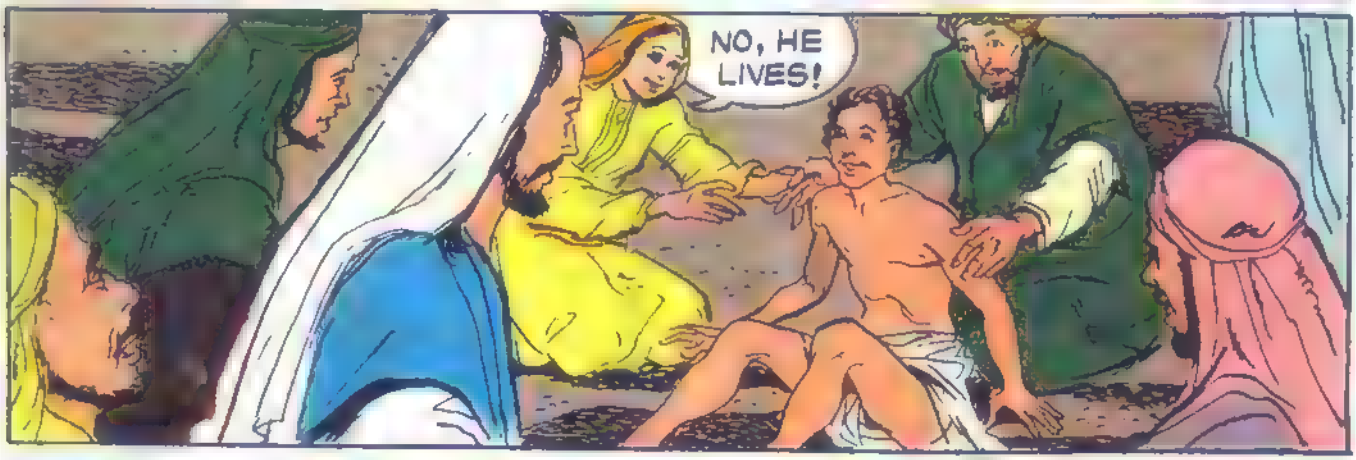

GO IN MY NAME, CURE THE SICK, CLEANSE THE LEPERS, RAISE THE DEAD AND CAST OUT DEVILS.

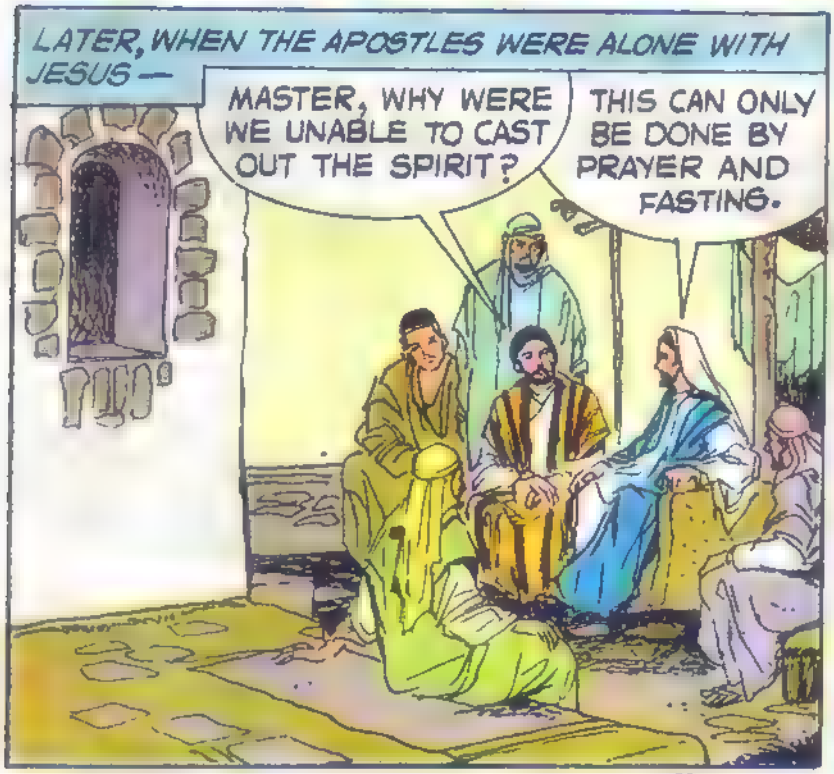
THE TWELVE APOSTLES WORKED MANY MIRACLES, BUT—
LORD, MY SON IS POSSESSED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT AND YOUR DISCIPLES CANNOT CAST IT OUT.

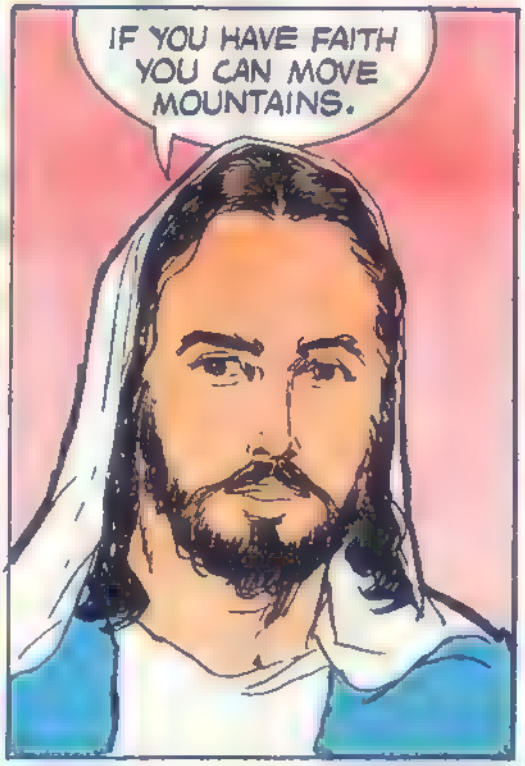

FOR HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN SUFFERING?
FROM CHILDHOOD. THE EVIL SPIRIT HAS THROWN HIM INTO FIRE— AND SOMETIMES INTO WATER.

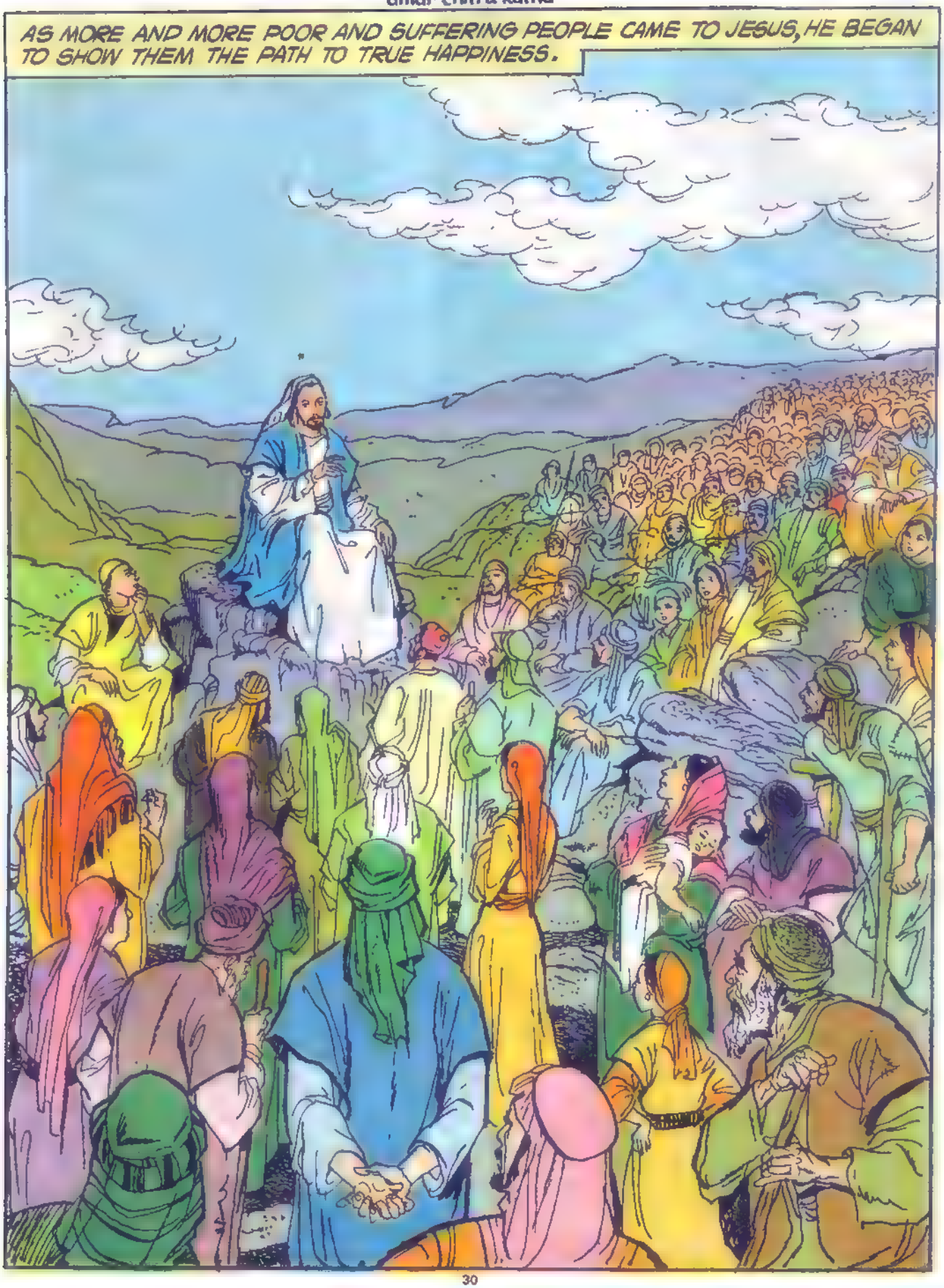

DEAF AND DUMB SPIRIT! I COMMAND YOU TO COME OUT OF THE BOY!

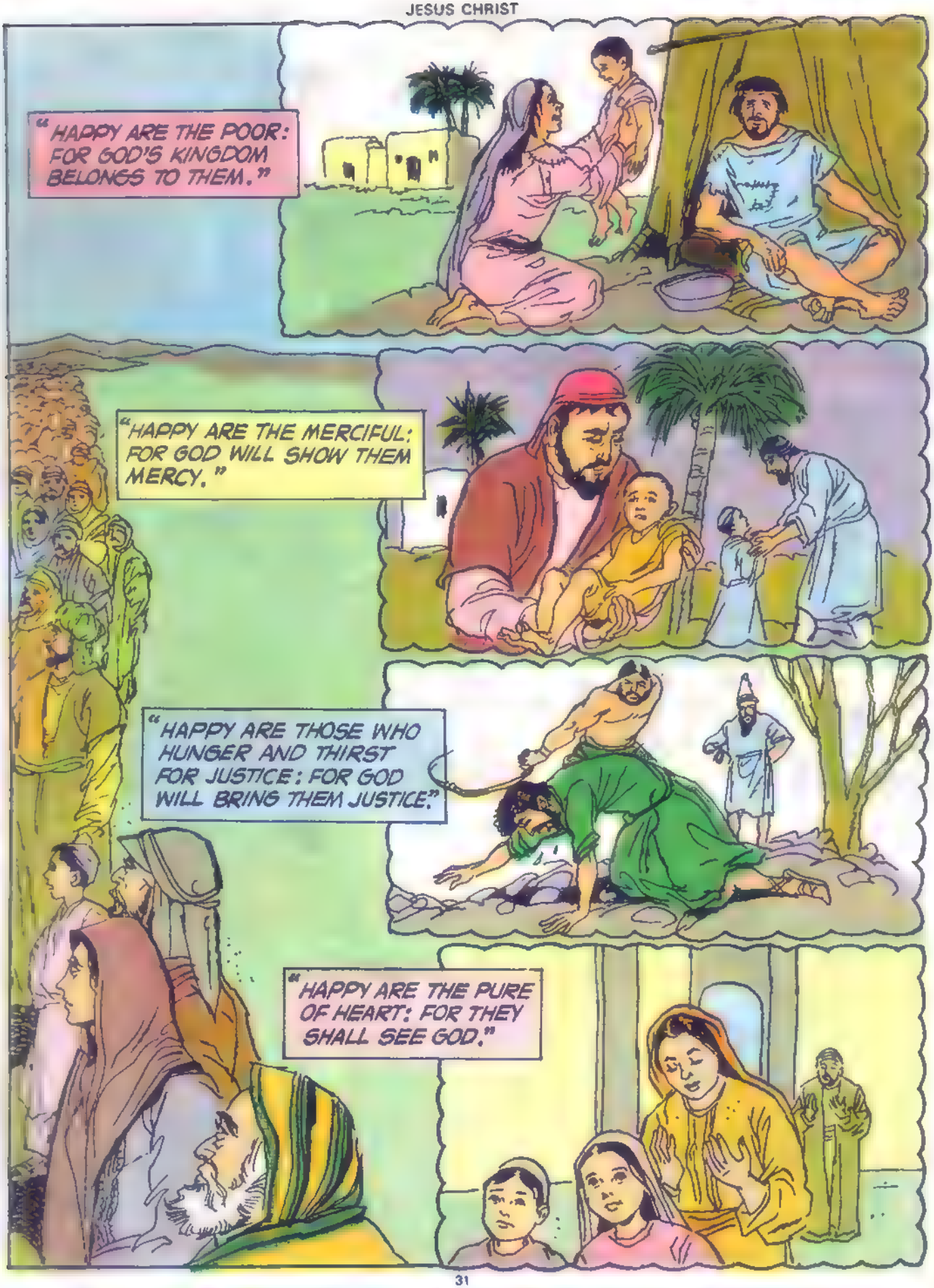
HE IS DEAD!

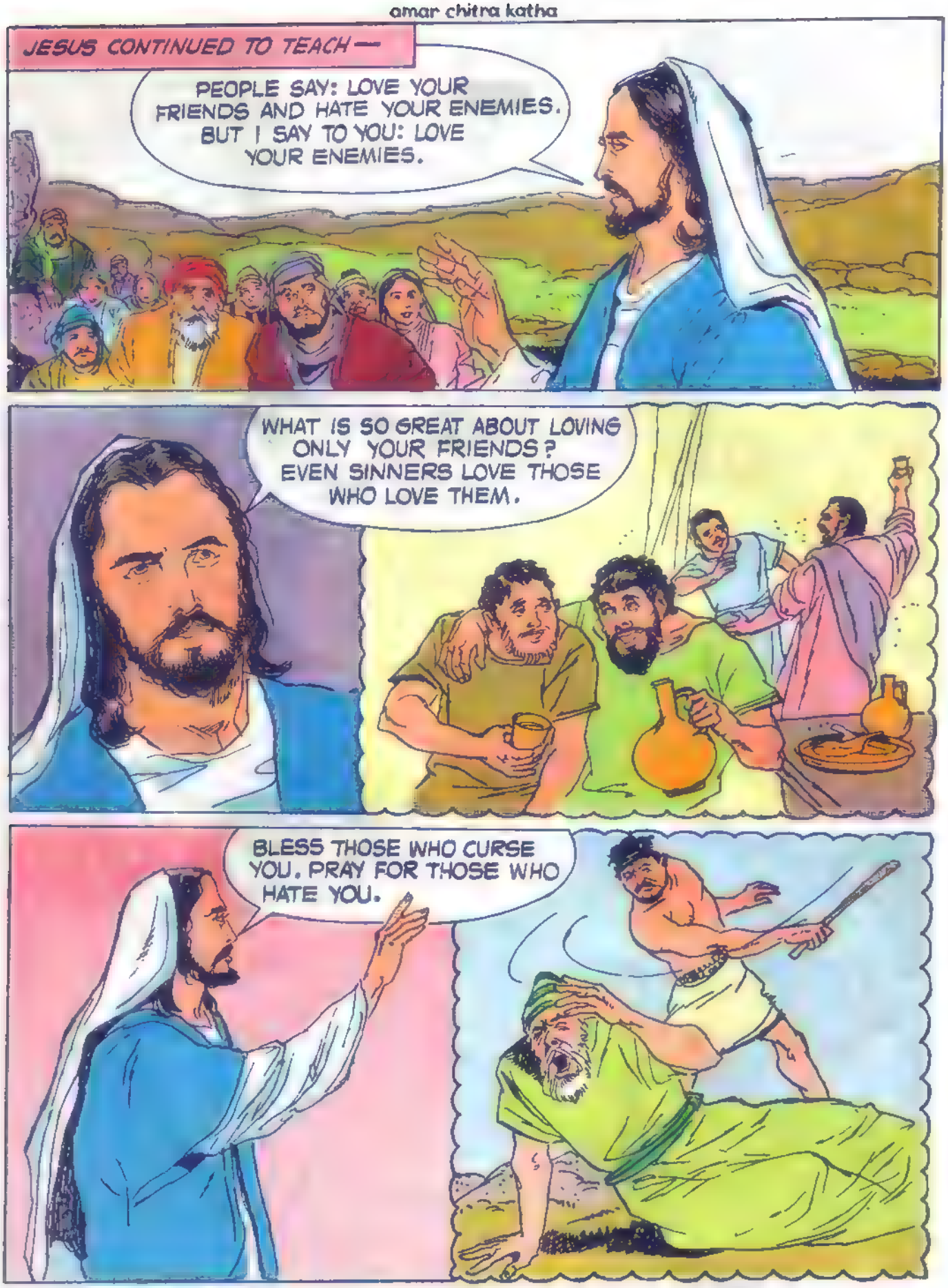

NO, HE LIVES!


LATER, WHEN THE APOSTLES WERE ALONE WITH JESUS —
MASTER, WHY WERE WE UNABLE TO CAST OUT THE SPIRIT?
THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY PRAYER AND FASTING.

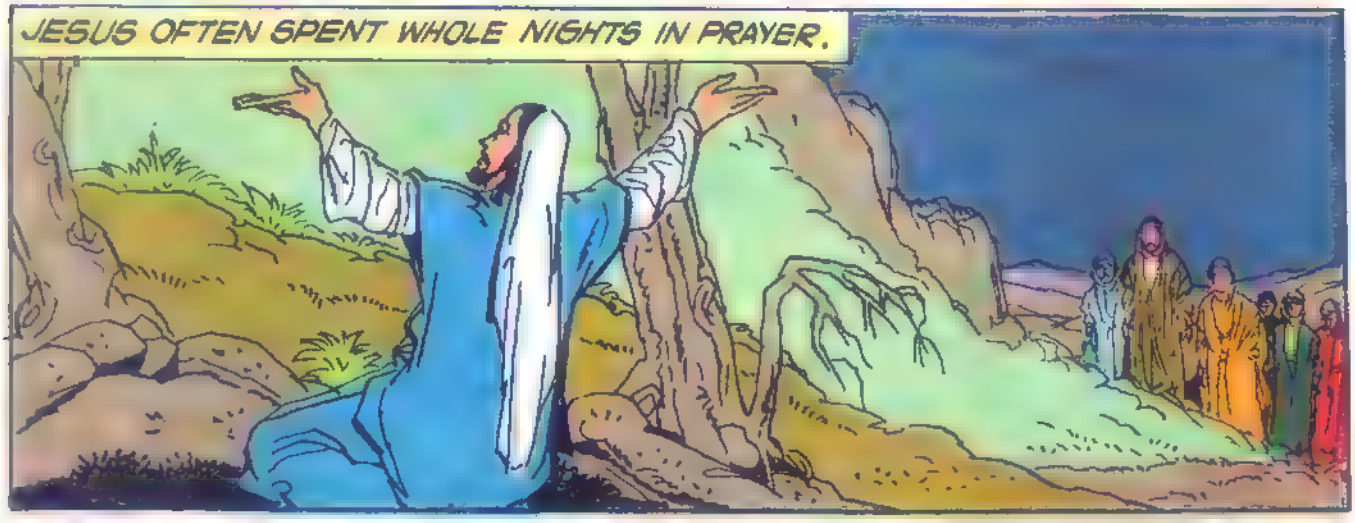

IF YOU HAVE FAITH YOU CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS.


AS MORE AND MORE POOR AND SUFFERING PEOPLE CAME TO JESUS, HE BEGAN TO SHOW THEM THE PATH TO TRUE HAPPINESS.

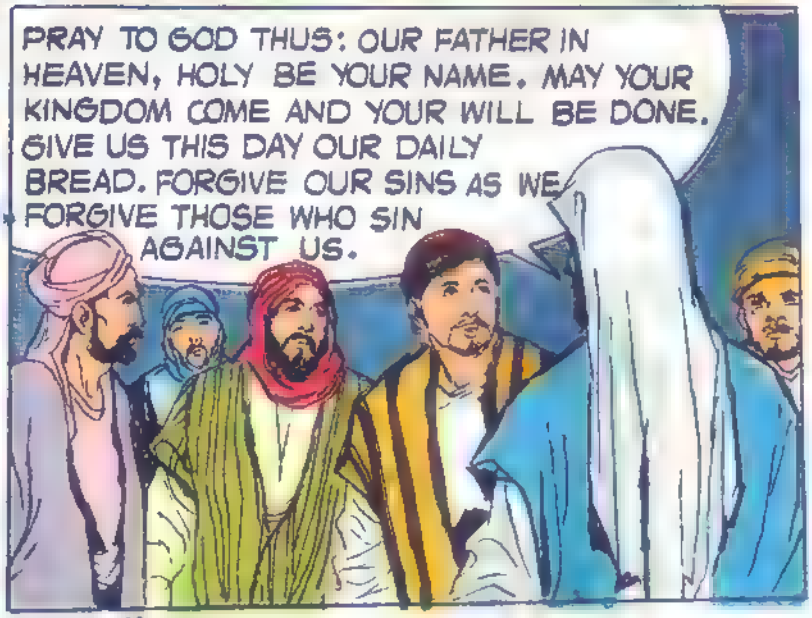

"HAPPY ARE THE POOR: FOR GOD'S KINGDOM BELONGS TO THEM."
"HAPPY ARE THE MERCIFUL: FOR GOD WILL SHOW THEM MERCY."
"HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE: FOR GOD WILL BRING THEM JUSTICE."
"HAPPY ARE THE PURE OF HEART: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD."


JESUS CONTINUED TO TEACH —
PEOPLE SAY: LOVE YOUR FRIENDS AND HATE YOUR ENEMIES. BUT I SAY TO YOU: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.
WHAT IS SO GREAT ABOUT LOVING ONLY YOUR FRIENDS? EVEN SINNERS LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE THEM.
BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HATE YOU.

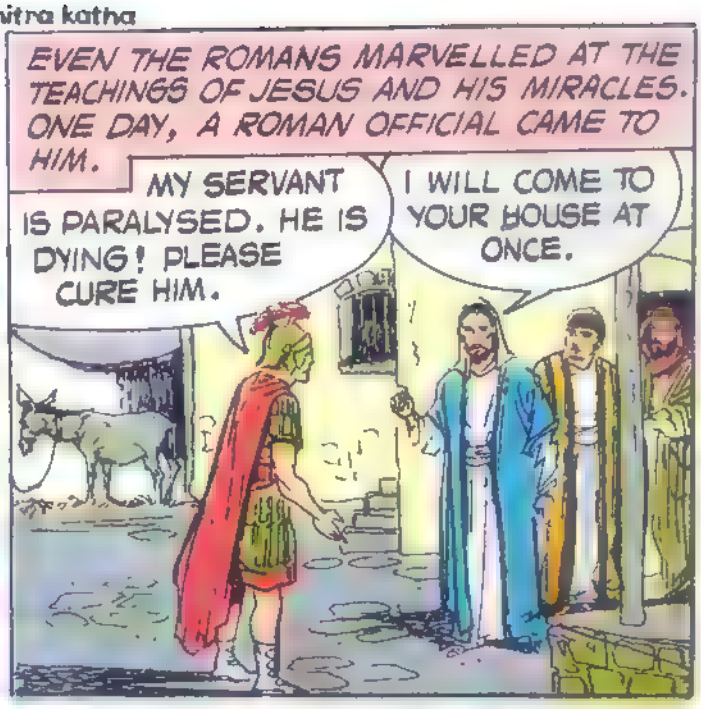
BE COMPASSIONATE. DO NOT CONDEMN ANYONE AND YOU WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED. FORGIVE AND YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN. GIVE TO OTHERS, JUST AS GOD GIVES TO YOU.

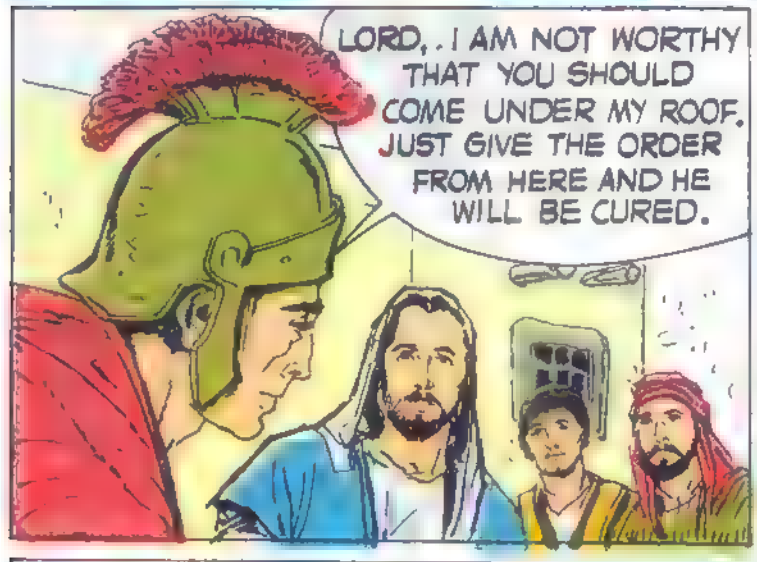

JESUS OFTEN SPENT WHOLE NIGHTS IN PRAYER.

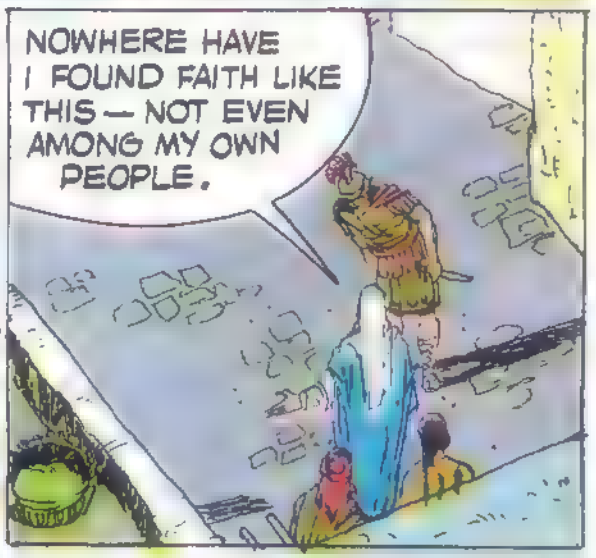
ONE DAY—
MASTER, TEACH US ALSO TO PRAY.


PRAY TO GOD THUS: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HOLY BE YOUR NAME. MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME AND YOUR WILL BE DONE. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.

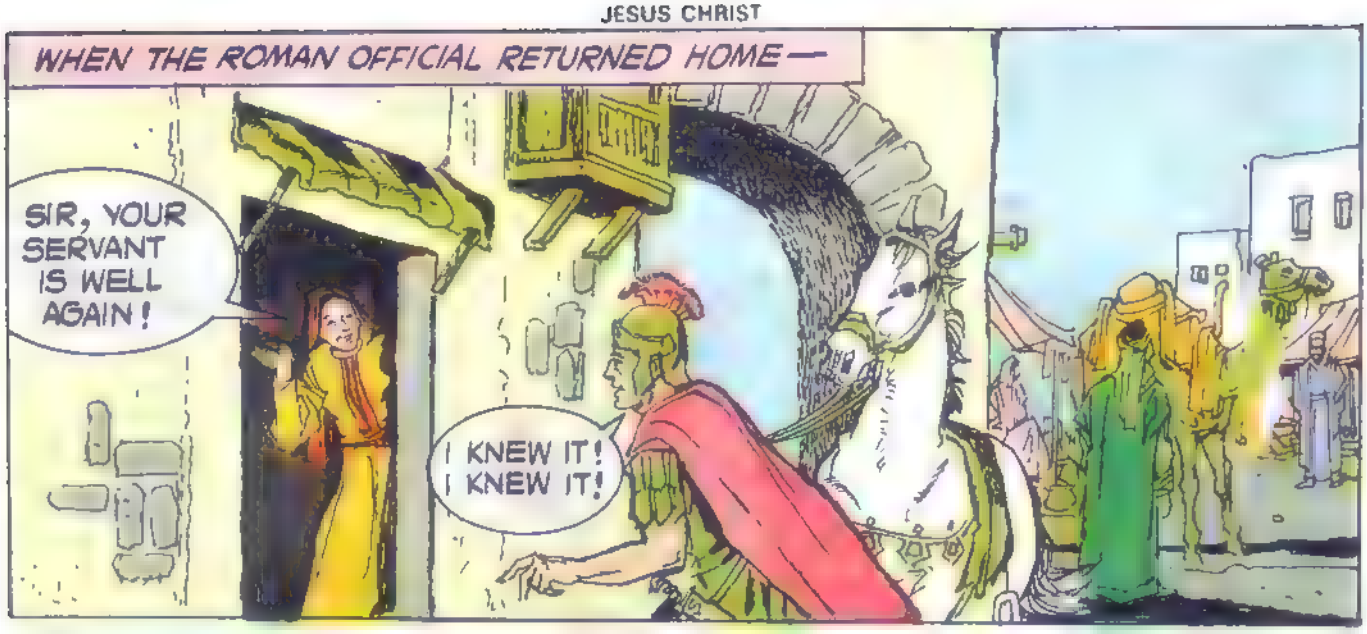
WHEN YOU PRAY, SAY LITTLE — BUT PRAY WITH ALL YOUR HEART. WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT PRAY JUST TO MAKE A SHOW OF YOURSELF. YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN LISTENS TO YOU IN SECRET!

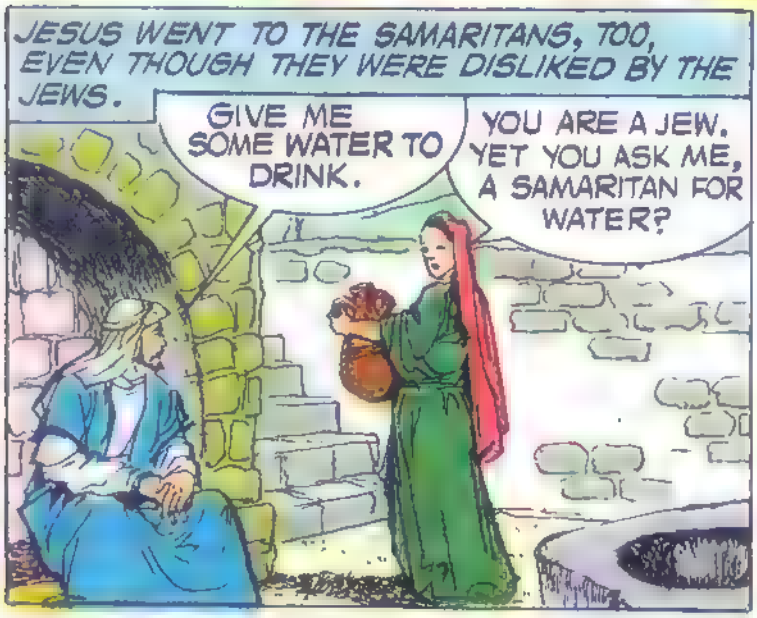

EVEN THE ROMANS MARVELLED AT THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS AND HIS MIRACLES. ONE DAY, A ROMAN OFFICIAL CAME TO HIM.
MY SERVANT IS PARALYSED. HE IS DYING! PLEASE CURE HIM.
I WILL COME TO YOUR HOUSE AT ONCE.


LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD COME UNDER MY ROOF. JUST GIVE THE ORDER FROM HERE AND HE WILL BE CURED.


NOWHERE HAVE I FOUND FAITH LIKE THIS — NOT EVEN AMONG MY OWN PEOPLE.

GO HOME. YOUR SERVANT IS HEALED.


WHEN THE ROMAN OFFICIAL RETURNED HOME—
SIR, YOUR SERVANT IS WELL AGAIN!
I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT!


JESUS WENT TO THE SAMARITANS, TOO, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE DISLIKED BY THE JEWS.
GIVE ME SOME WATER TO DRINK.
YOU ARE A JEW. YET YOU ASK ME, A SAMARITAN FOR WATER?

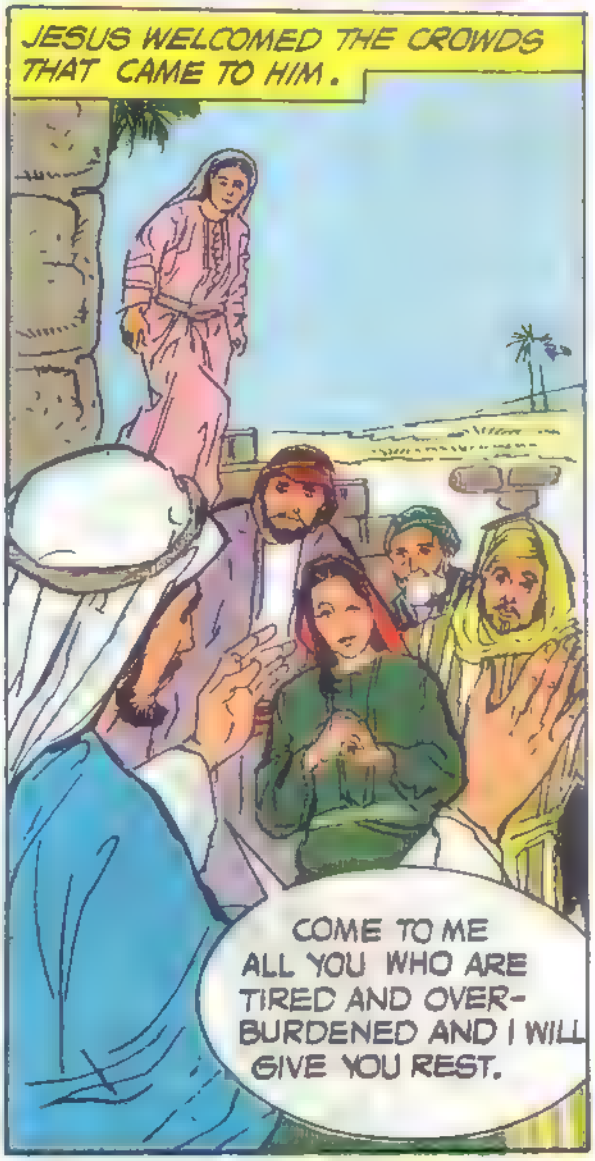
IF YOU KNEW WHO I WAS, YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED ME FOR LIFE-GIVING WATER SO THAT YOU WOULD NEVER BE THIRSTY AGAIN.

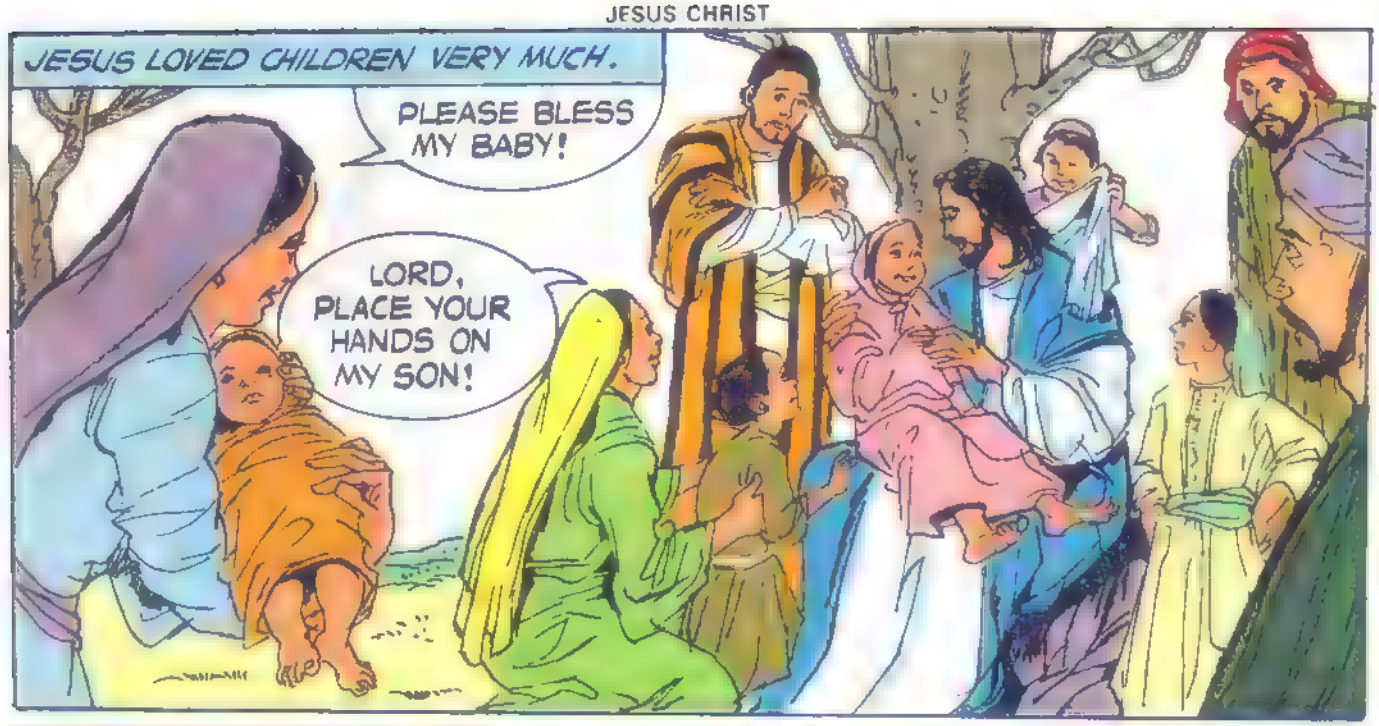
SIR, GIVE ME THAT LIFE-GIVING WATER.
FIRST, GO AND CALL YOUR HUSBAND.

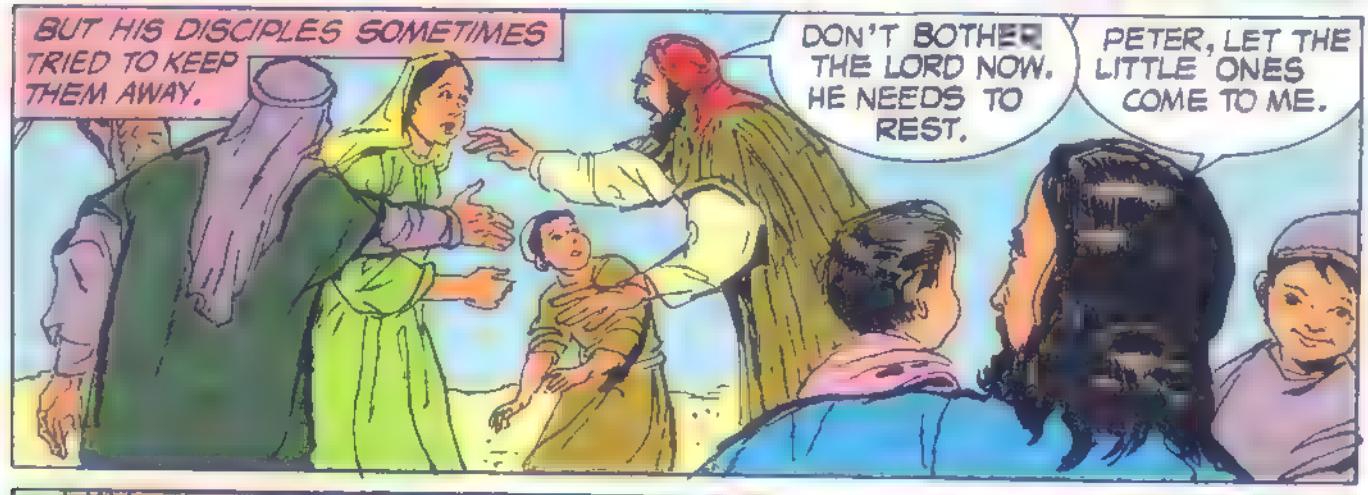
I HAVE NO HUSBAND, SIR.
YOU HAVE HAD FIVE HUSBANDS. THE MAN YOU ARE LIVING WITH NOW IS NOT YOUR HUSBAND.

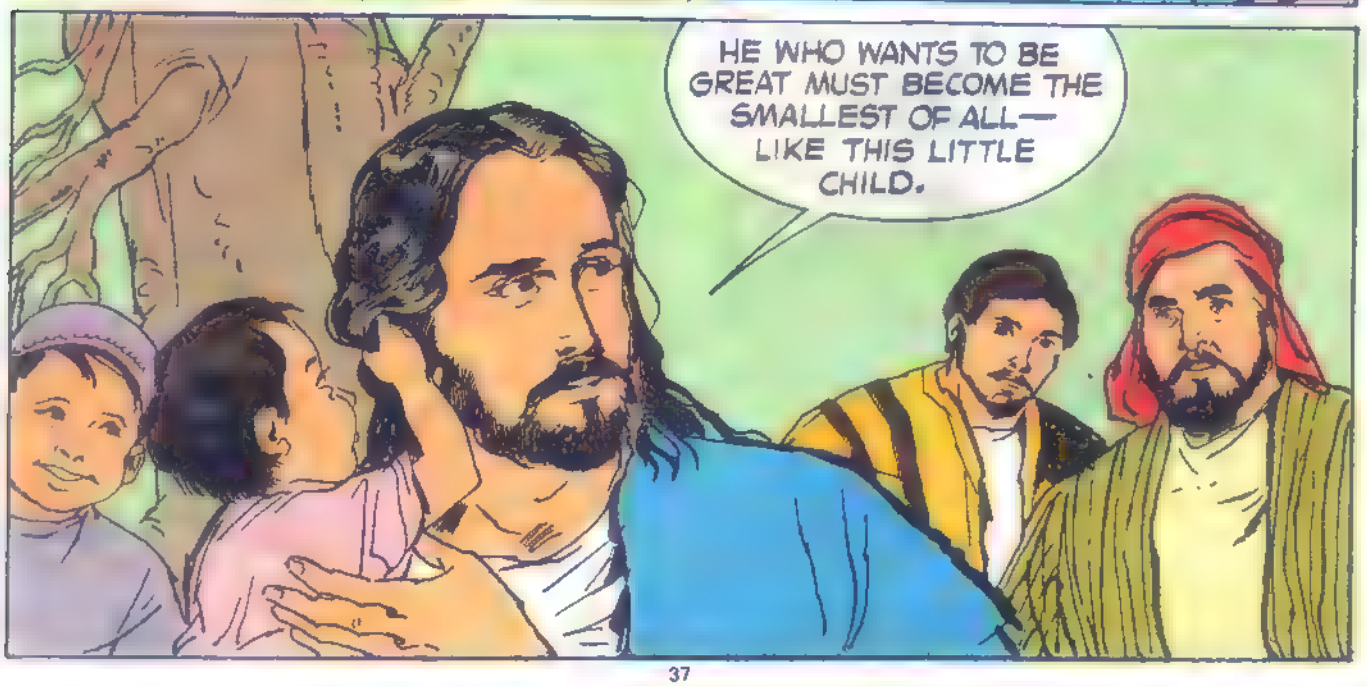
YOU SPEAK LIKE A PROPHET— LIKE THE SAVIOUR WHO IS TO COME.
I AM HE.

THE WOMAN WENT AND TOLD HER NEIGHBOURS ABOUT JESUS.
COME AND SEE THE MAN WHO SAW RIGHT INTO MY PAST LIFE. SURELY HE IS THE PROMISED SAVIOUR!


JESUS WELCOMED THE CROWDS THAT CAME TO HIM.
COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE TIRED AND OVER-BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.


JESUS LOVED CHILDREN VERY MUCH.
PLEASE BLESS MY BABY!
LORD, PLACE YOUR HANDS ON MY SON!

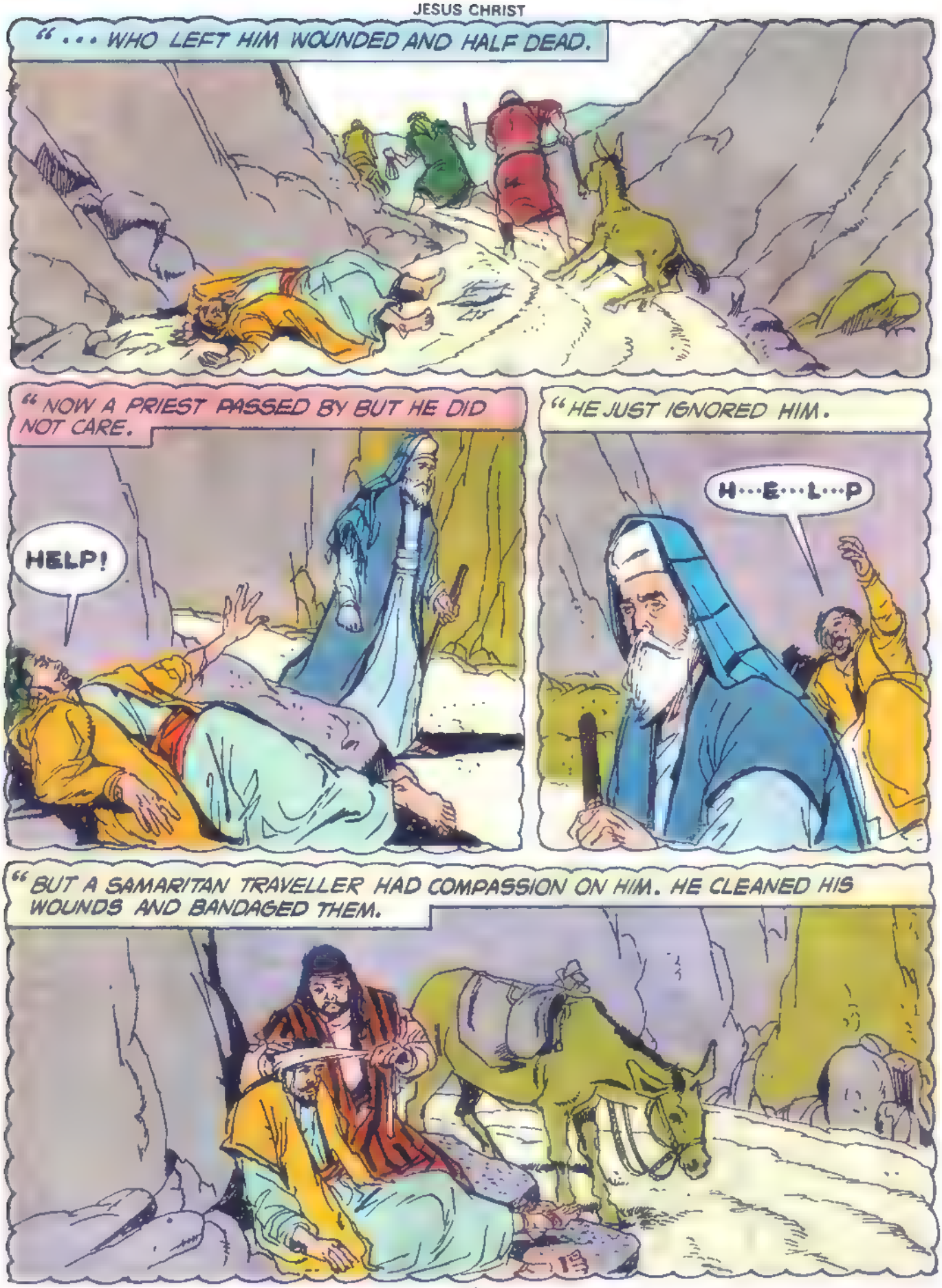

BUT HIS DISCIPLES SOMETIMES TRIED TO KEEP THEM AWAY.
DON'T BOTHER THE LORD NOW. HE NEEDS TO REST.
PETER, LET THE LITTLE ONES COME TO ME.


HE WHO WANTS TO BE GREAT MUST BECOME THE SMALLEST OF ALL— LIKE THIS LITTLE CHILD.

I HAVE COME INTO THIS WORLD NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE.

PEOPLE LOVED TO LISTEN TO STORIES JESUS TOLD THEM.
A MAN WAS ONCE ON HIS WAY DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO...

"...AND HE FELL INTO THE HANDS OF ROBBERS...

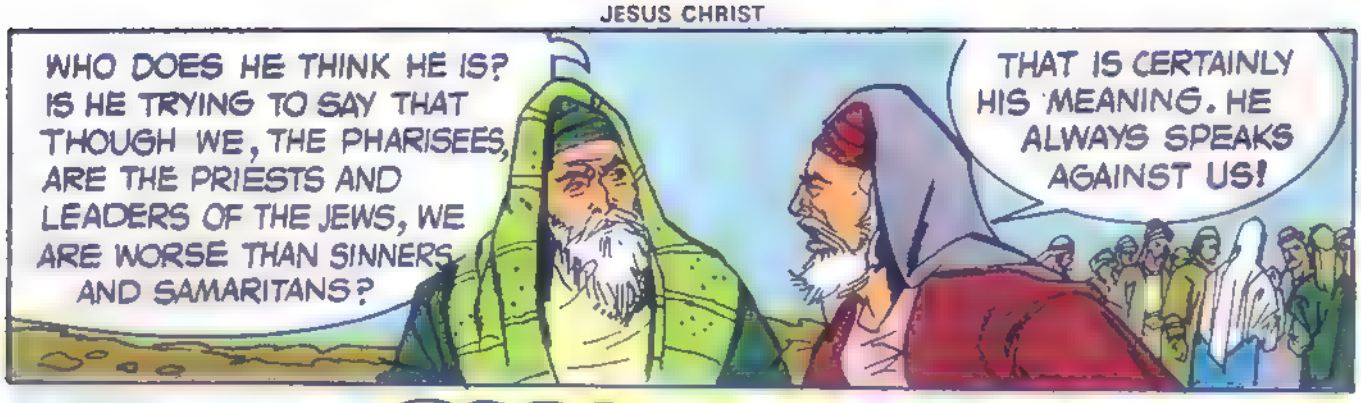

"... WHO LEFT HIM WOUNDED AND HALF DEAD.
"NOW A PRIEST PASSED BY BUT HE DID NOT CARE.
HELP!
"HE JUST IGNORED HIM.
H...E...L...P
"BUT A SAMARITAN TRAVELLER HAD COMPASSION ON HIM. HE CLEANED HIS WOUNDS AND BANDAGED THEM.

"THE SAMARITAN PUT THE MAN ON HIS DONKEY . . .

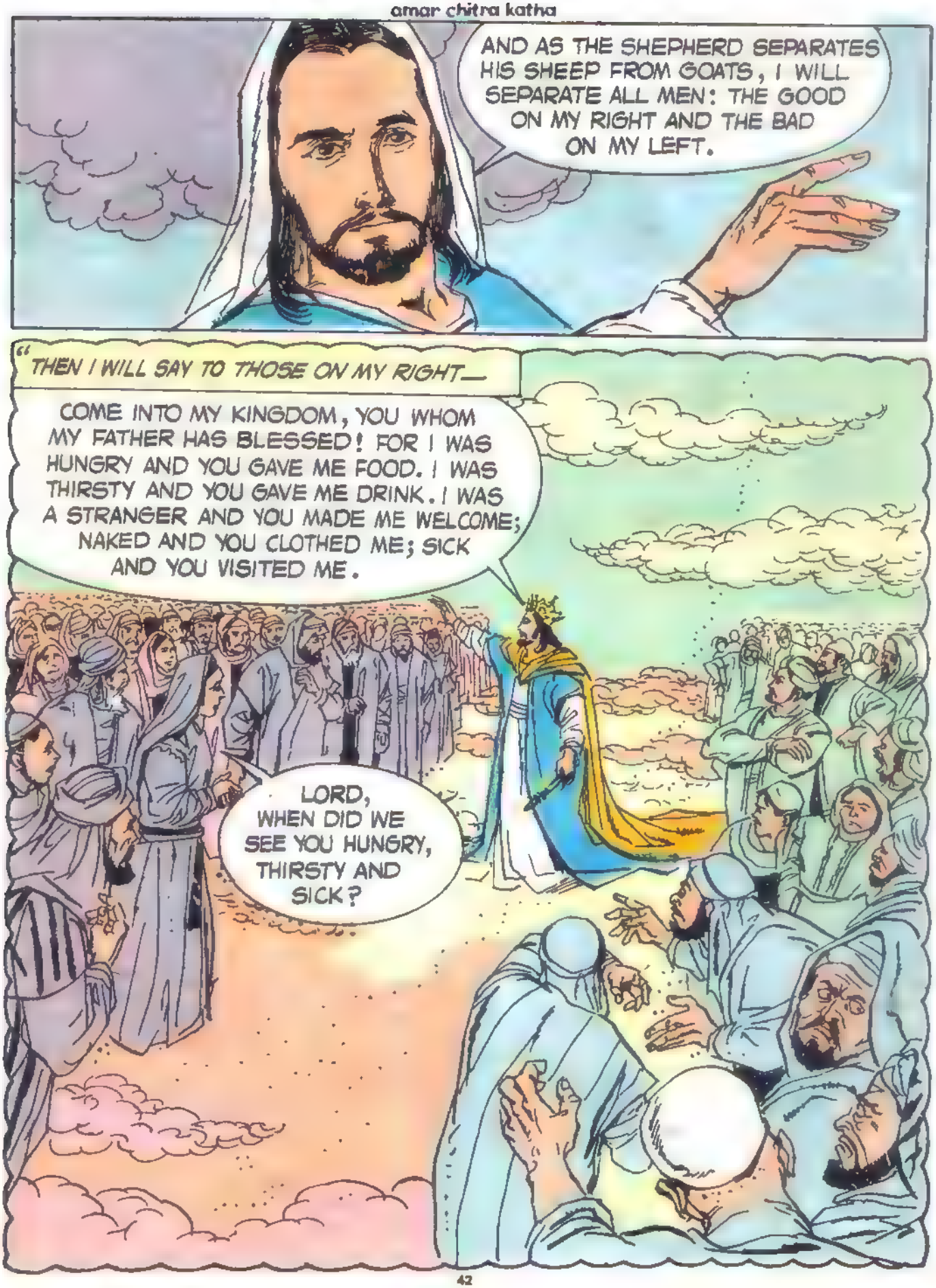
". . . AND CARRIED HIM TO AN INN."
SIR, PLEASE LOOK AFTER HIM UNTIL MY RETURN. I WILL PAY ALL THE EXPENSES.

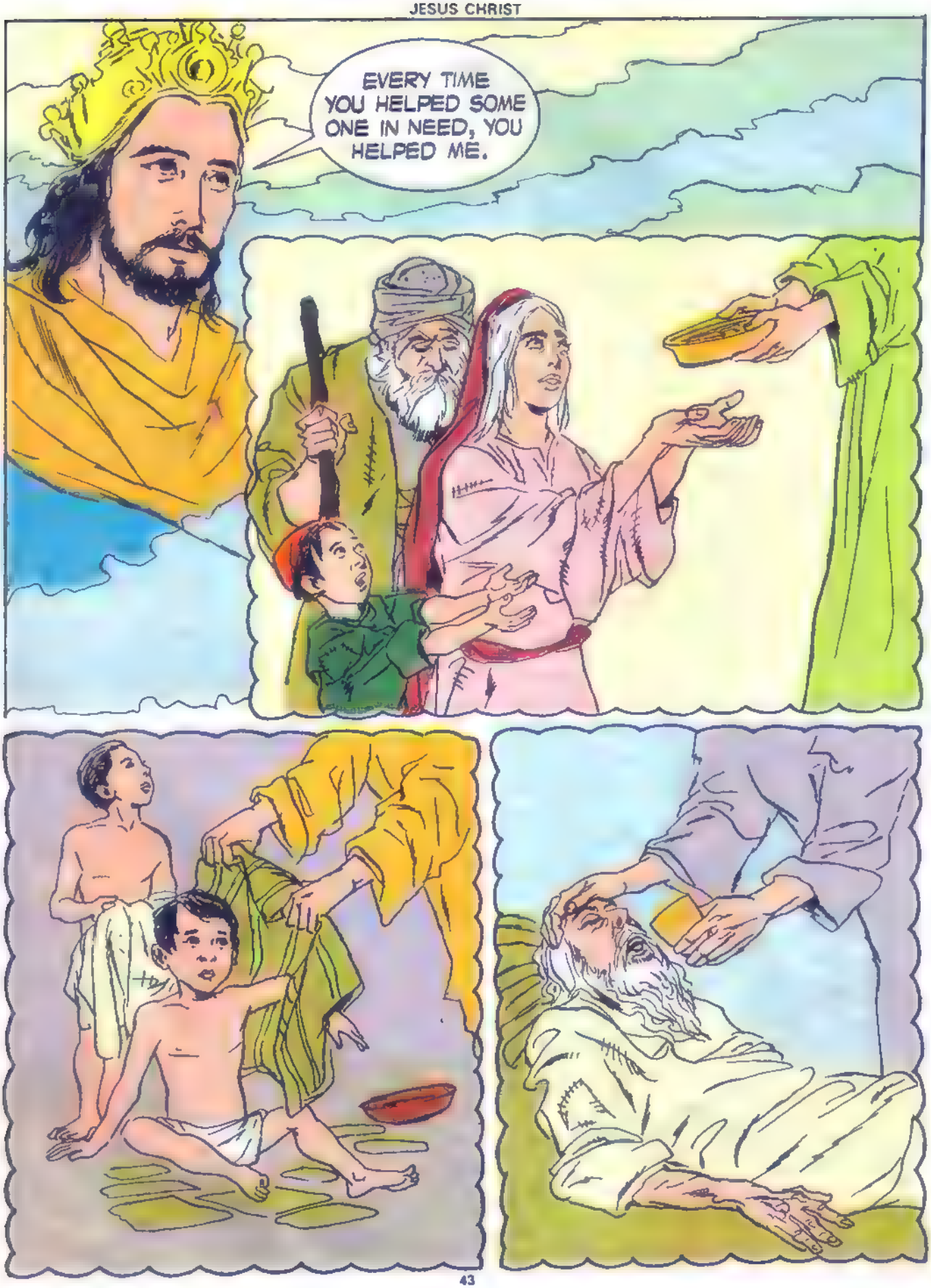
NOW TELL ME WHICH OF THESE MEN SHOWED BROTHERLY LOVE?
THE MAN WHO SHOWED MERCY.
THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

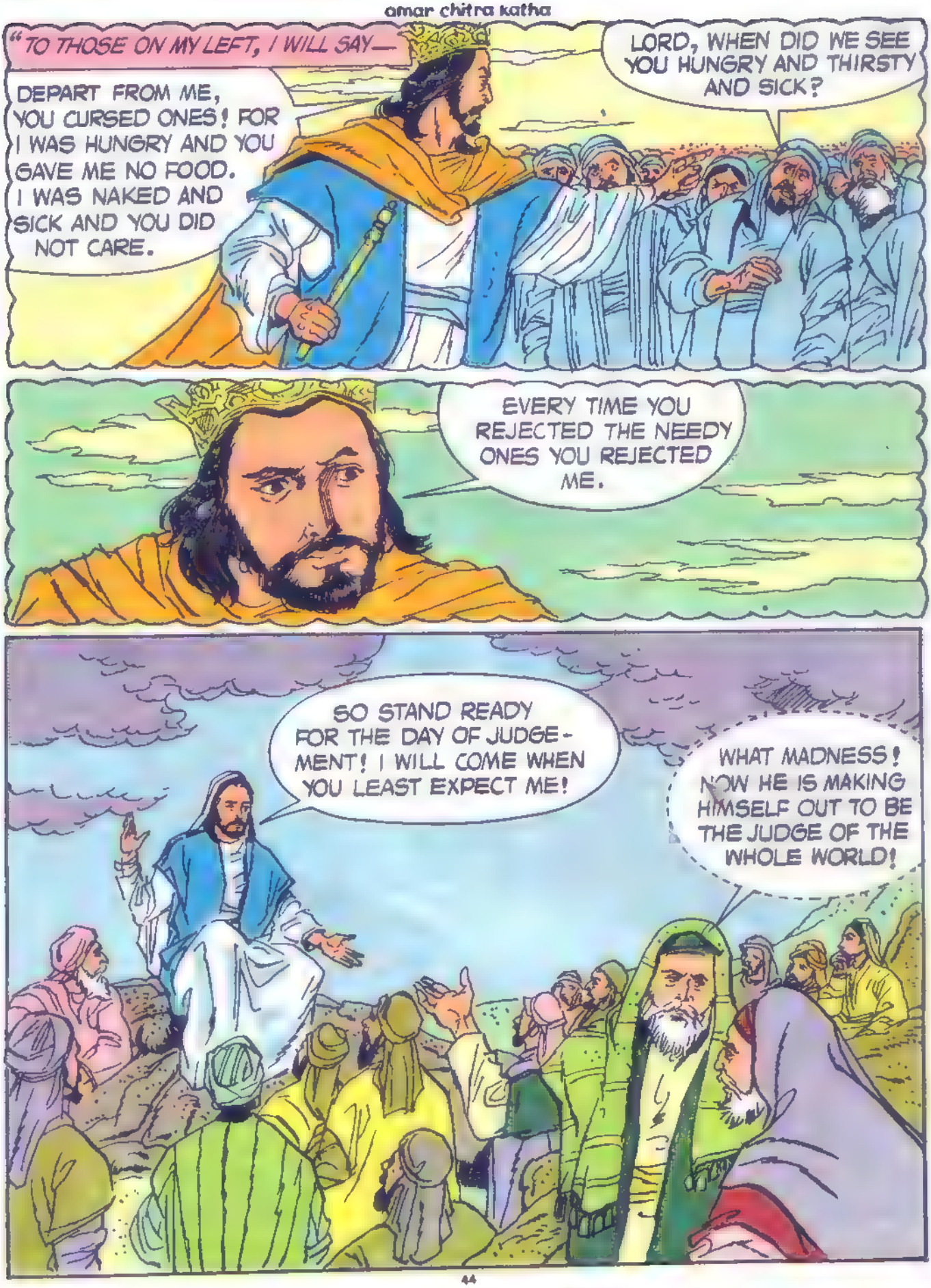
GO AND DO THE SAME. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.

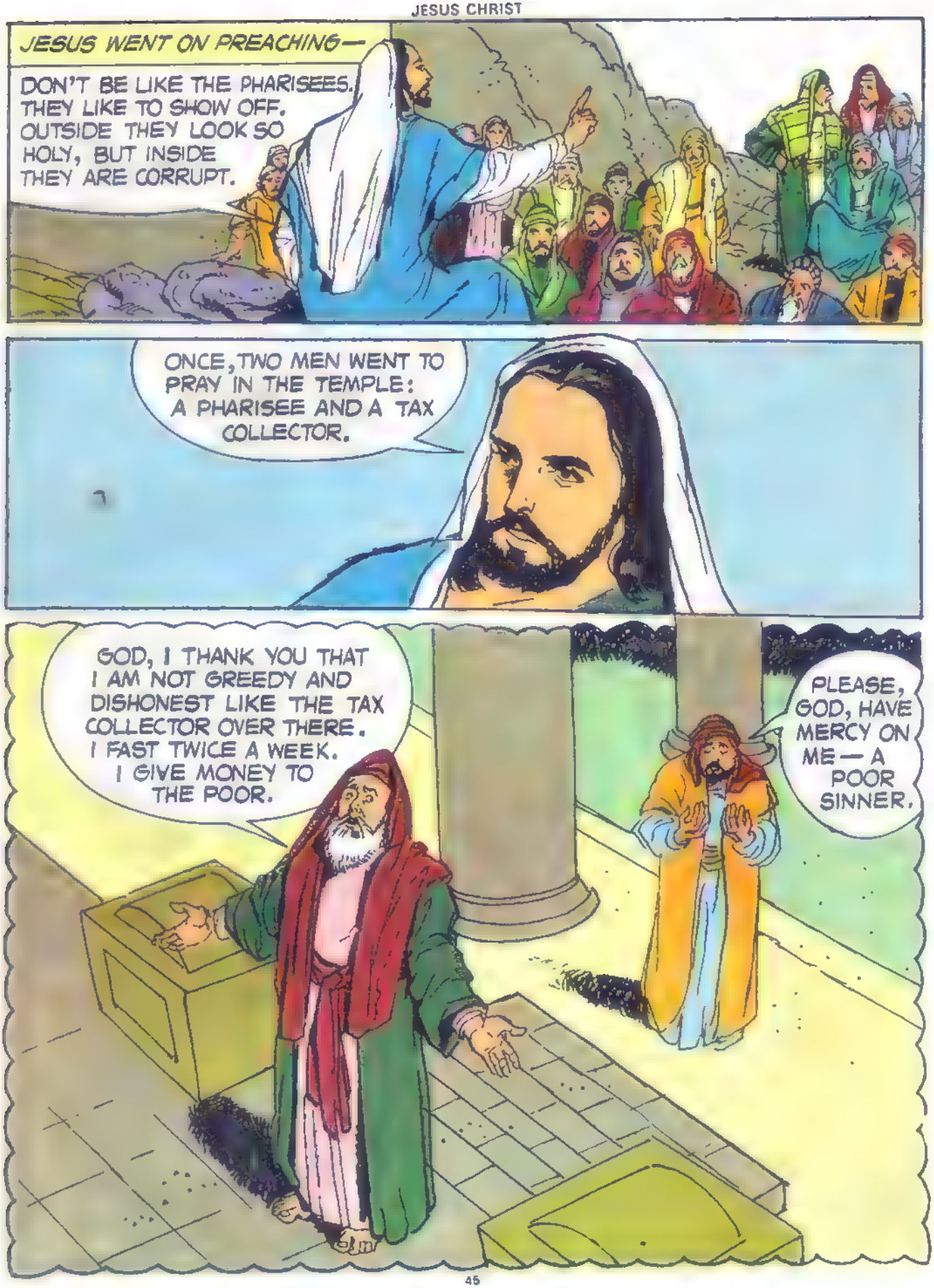

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS? IS HE TRYING TO SAY THAT THOUGH WE, THE PHARISEES, ARE THE PRIESTS AND LEADERS OF THE JEWS, WE ARE WORSE THAN SINNERS AND SAMARITANS?
THAT IS CERTAINLY HIS MEANING. HE ALWAYS SPEAKS AGAINST US!

JESUS WENT ON TEACHING—
ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT, AT THE END OF THE WORLD, WHEN ALL THE DEAD WILL RISE, I WILL COME AGAIN AS THE GLORIOUS KING OF THE WHOLE WORLD.


AND AS THE SHEPHERD SEPARATES HIS SHEEP FROM GOATS, I WILL SEPARATE ALL MEN: THE GOOD ON MY RIGHT AND THE BAD ON MY LEFT.
"THEN I WILL SAY TO THOSE ON MY RIGHT—
COME INTO MY KINGDOM, YOU WHOM MY FATHER HAS BLESSED! FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD. I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK. I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU MADE ME WELCOME; NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; SICK AND YOU VISITED ME.
LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY, THIRSTY AND SICK?


EVERY TIME YOU HELPED SOME ONE IN NEED, YOU HELPED ME.


"TO THOSE ON MY LEFT, I WILL SAY—
DEPART FROM ME, YOU CURSED ONES! FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME NO FOOD. I WAS NAKED AND SICK AND YOU DID NOT CARE.
LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND THIRSTY AND SICK?
EVERY TIME YOU REJECTED THE NEEDY ONES YOU REJECTED ME.
SO STAND READY FOR THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT! I WILL COME WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT ME!
WHAT MADNESS! NOW HE IS MAKING HIMSELF OUT TO BE THE JUDGE OF THE WHOLE WORLD!


JESUS WENT ON PREACHING—
DON'T BE LIKE THE PHARISEES. THEY LIKE TO SHOW OFF. OUTSIDE THEY LOOK SO HOLY, BUT INSIDE THEY ARE CORRUPT.
ONCE, TWO MEN WENT TO PRAY IN THE TEMPLE: A PHARISEE AND A TAX COLLECTOR.
GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I AM NOT GREEDY AND DISHONEST LIKE THE TAX COLLECTOR OVER THERE. I FAST TWICE A WEEK. I GIVE MONEY TO THE POOR.
PLEASE, GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME — A POOR SINNER.

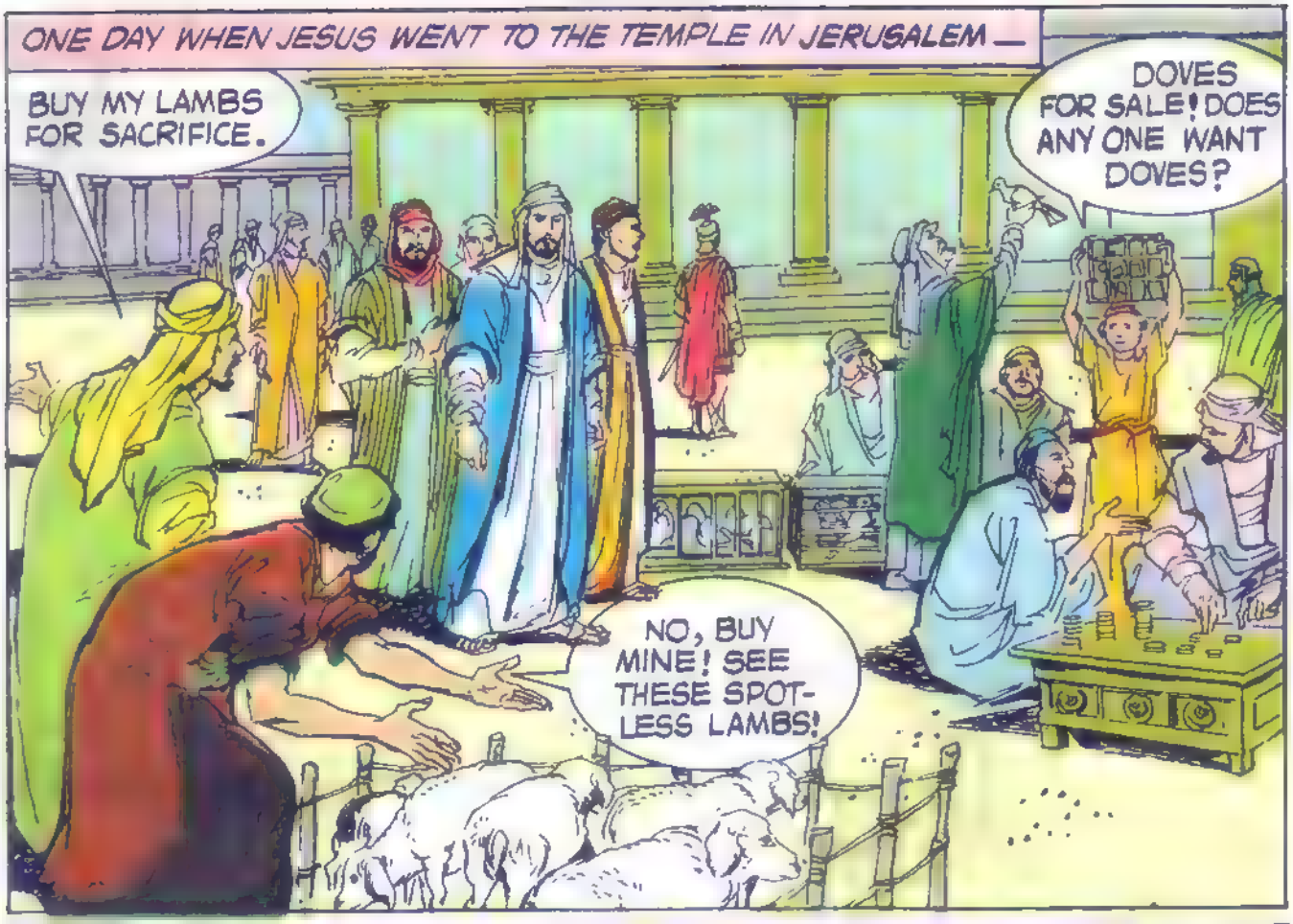
GOD WAS SURELY PLEASED WITH THE HUMBLE SINNER, AND NOT WITH THE PROUD PHARISEE. HE WHO MAKES HIMSELF GREAT WILL BE HUMBLED AND HE WHO HUMBLES HIMSELF WILL BE MADE GREAT.

AGAIN HE IS INSULTING US. HE IS GOING TOO FAR!

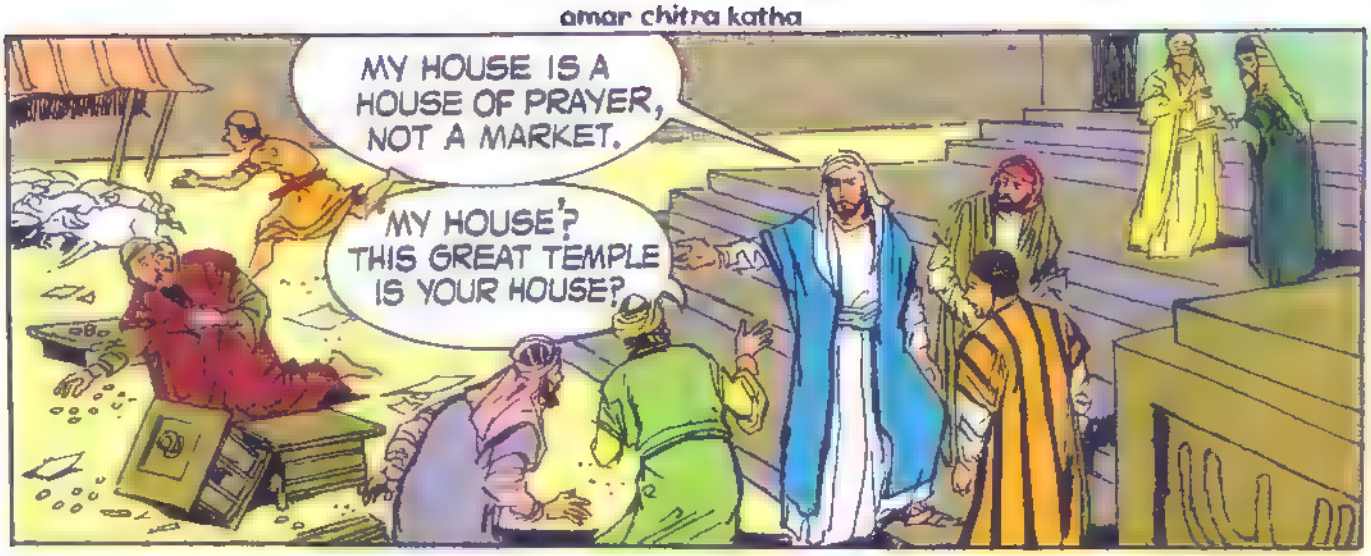
THE PHARISEES TRIED TO FIND FAULT WITH JESUS.

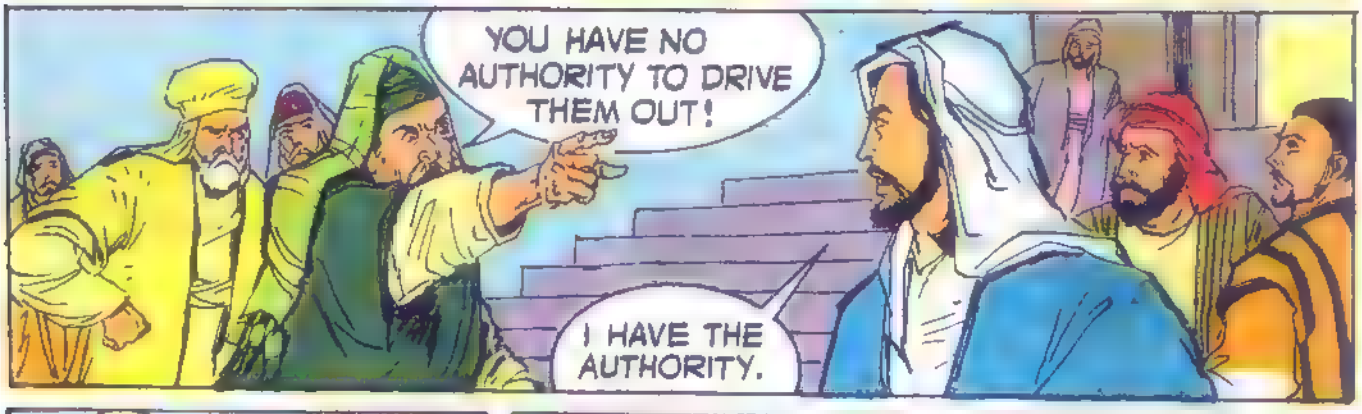
WHY DO YOU EAT WITH SINNERS?

I HAVE COME TO SAVE THOSE WHO ARE LOST. IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR BUT THE SICK.


ONE DAY WHEN JESUS WENT TO THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM —
BUY MY LAMBS FOR SACRIFICE.
DOVES FOR SALE! DOES ANY ONE WANT DOVES?
NO, BUY MINE! SEE THESE SPOT-LESS LAMBS!

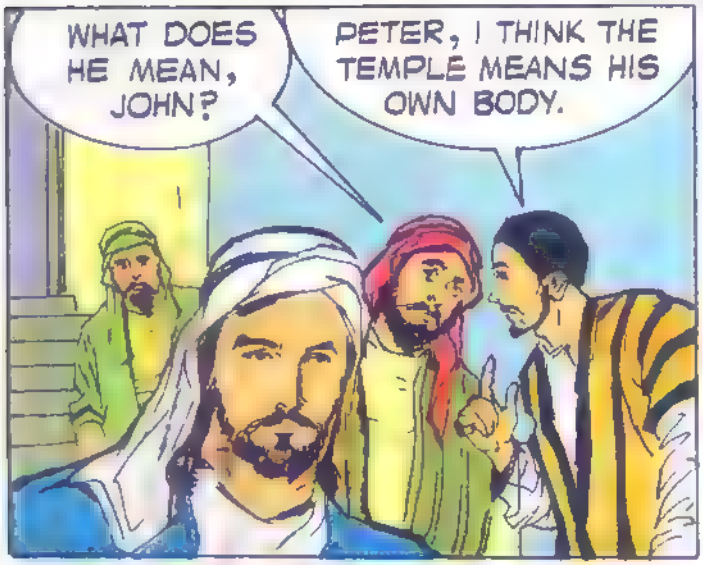
JESUS MADE A WHIP OF CORDS AND DROVE OUT THE MERCHANTS.
YOU HAVE MADE MY FATHER'S HOUSE INTO A DEN OF THIEVES!
MY MONEY! MY MONEY!
HOW DARE YOU!

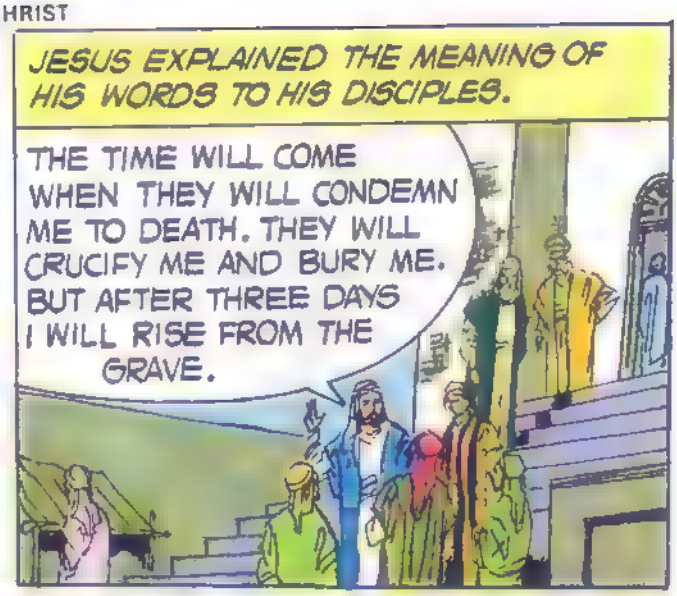

MY HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER, NOT A MARKET.
'MY HOUSE'? THIS GREAT TEMPLE IS YOUR HOUSE?

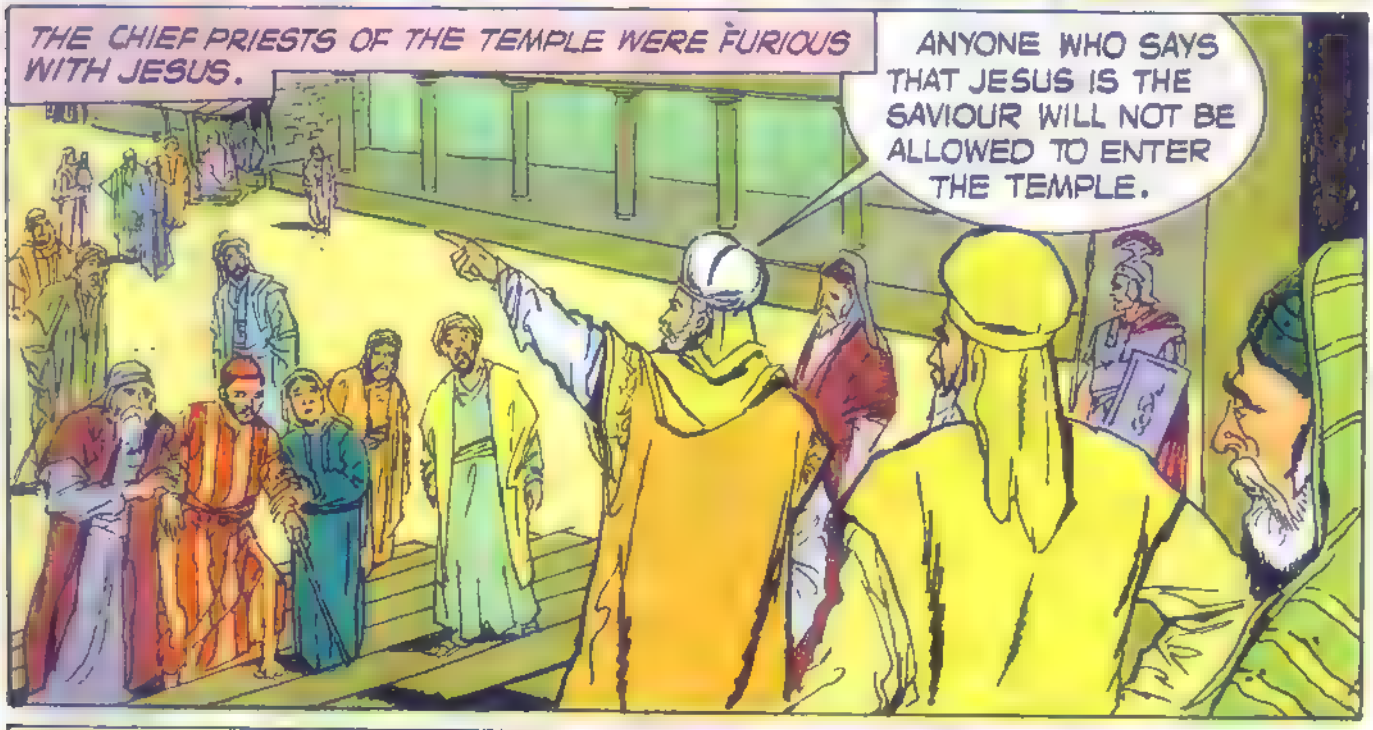

YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO DRIVE THEM OUT!
I HAVE THE AUTHORITY.

GIVE US PROOF!

BREAK THIS TEMPLE DOWN—AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL BUILD IT UP AGAIN.
THREE DAYS? IT HAS TAKEN FORTY-SIX YEARS TO BUILD THIS TEMPLE!


WHAT DOES HE MEAN, JOHN?
PETER, I THINK THE TEMPLE MEANS HIS OWN BODY.


JESUS EXPLAINED THE MEANING OF HIS WORDS TO HIS DISCIPLES.
THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL CONDEMN ME TO DEATH. THEY WILL CRUCIFY ME AND BURY ME. BUT AFTER THREE DAYS I WILL RISE FROM THE GRAVE.


THE CHIEF PRIESTS OF THE TEMPLE WERE FURIOUS WITH JESUS.
ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT JESUS IS THE SAVIOUR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TEMPLE.

THE PRIESTS' ORDERS MADE PEOPLE AFRAID. BUT SOME BRAVELY KEPT GOING TO JESUS—
LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME, A POOR BLIND MAN.
MASTER, THIS MAN, JACOB, WAS BORN BLIND. HE HAS BEEN BEGGING FOR MANY YEARS.

JESUS SPAT ON THE GROUND, MADE SOME PASTE AND APPLIED IT TO THE BLIND MAN'S EYES.
JACOB, YOU WILL SOON SEE THE GLORY OF GOD! FOR I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
NOW GO AND WASH YOUR EYES IN THE POOL OF SILOAM.
LATER—
I CAN SEE! I CAN SEE!
WHEN THE PHARISEES HEARD ABOUT THE MIRACLE, THEY TRIED TO FIND FAULT WITH JESUS.
HE CURED YOU ON A SABBATH DAY! WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING BUT PRAY AND REST ON THE SABBATH! THAT MAN, JESUS, IS A SINNER!
JESUS IS A SINNER? CAN A SINNER OPEN THE EYES OF A MAN WHO WAS BORN BLIND!

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!
DON'T TRY TO TEACH US! JUST GET OUT OF HERE! YOU ARE AN OUTCAST FROM TODAY!
LATER, JESUS CAME LOOKING FOR JACOB.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SON OF GOD?
WHO IS HE?
YOU ARE LOOKING AT HIM. HE IS SPEAKING TO YOU!
LORD, I BELIEVE IN YOU!
JESUS BECAME MORE AND MORE LOVED BY THE PEOPLE. THE PHARISEES HATED HIM THE MORE. ONE DAY THEY DECIDED TO TRAP HIM IN PUBLIC.
THERE IS A BAD WOMAN IN THERE WHO HAS SINNED WITH A MAN!
LET US TAKE HER TO JESUS. IF HE LETS HER GO FREE, WE CAN ACCUSE HIM OF BREAKING GOD'S LAW.

THEY TOOK THE WOMAN TO JESUS.

MASTER, THIS WOMAN WAS CAUGHT IN ADULTERY. THE LAW SAYS SHE MUST BE STONED TO DEATH.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

JESUS SAID NOTHING. HE STOOPED DOWN AND WITH HIS FINGER WROTE ON THE GROUND.

SHAMELESS WOMAN!

STONE HER TO DEATH!

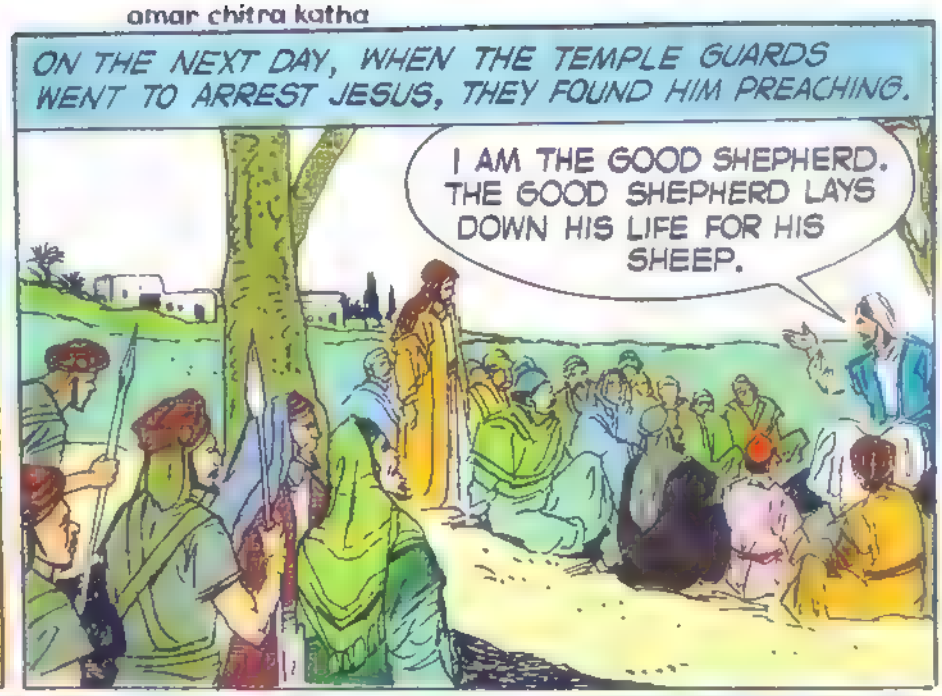
SPEAK UP MASTER! WHY ARE YOU SILENT?

IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO HAS NOT SINNED A SINGLE TIME? THEN LET HIM BE THE FIRST TO CAST A STONE AT HER!

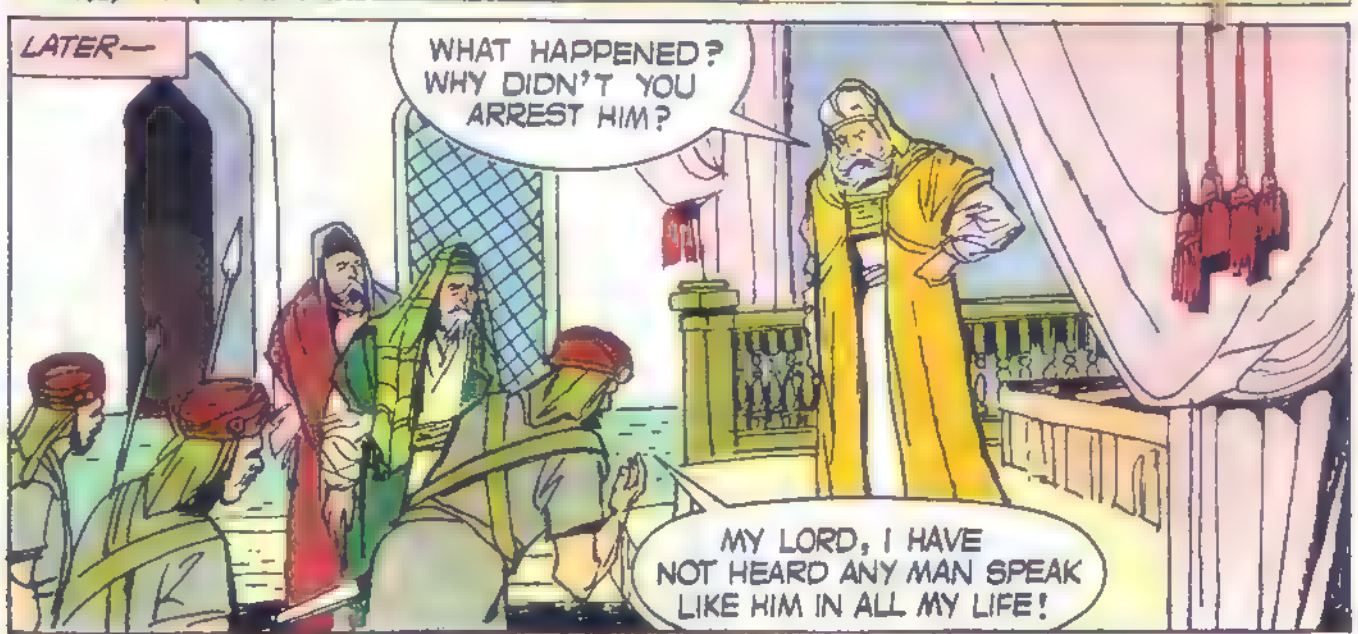
THUS REMINDED OF THEIR OWN MISDEEDS THE PHARISEES BEGAN TO LEAVE ONE BY ONE.

WHERE HAVE THEY ALL GONE? HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU?
NO ONE, LORD.
NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU. GO IN PEACE AND SIN NO MORE.
HE HAS ESCAPED FROM OUR TRAP!
LET US REPORT THIS TO CAIAPHAS, THE HIGH PRIEST.
THE PHARISEES AND PRIESTS CALLED A MEETING OF THE HIGH COUNCIL.
MY LORD CAIAPHAS, WE MUST PUT A STOP TO THIS MAN'S ACTIVITIES. TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEGUN TO FOLLOW HIM!
HE IS BREAKING ALL OUR LAWS!
HE IS MAKING US ALL LOOK LIKE FOOLS!

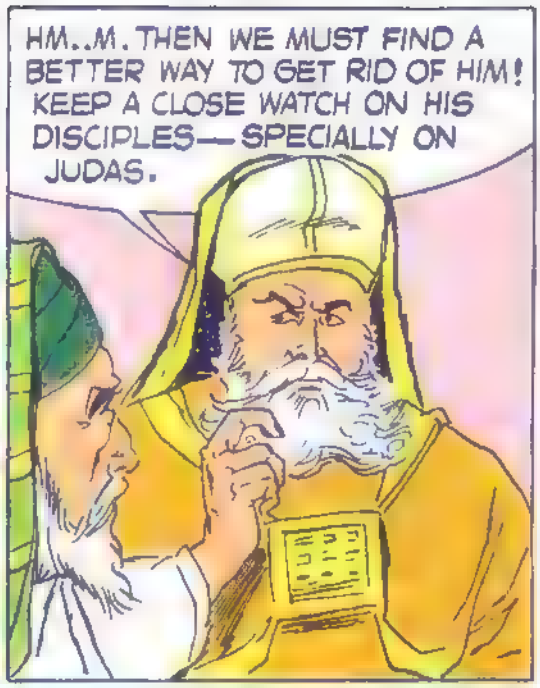
TAKE THE TEMPLE GUARDS WITH YOU AND ARREST HIM.

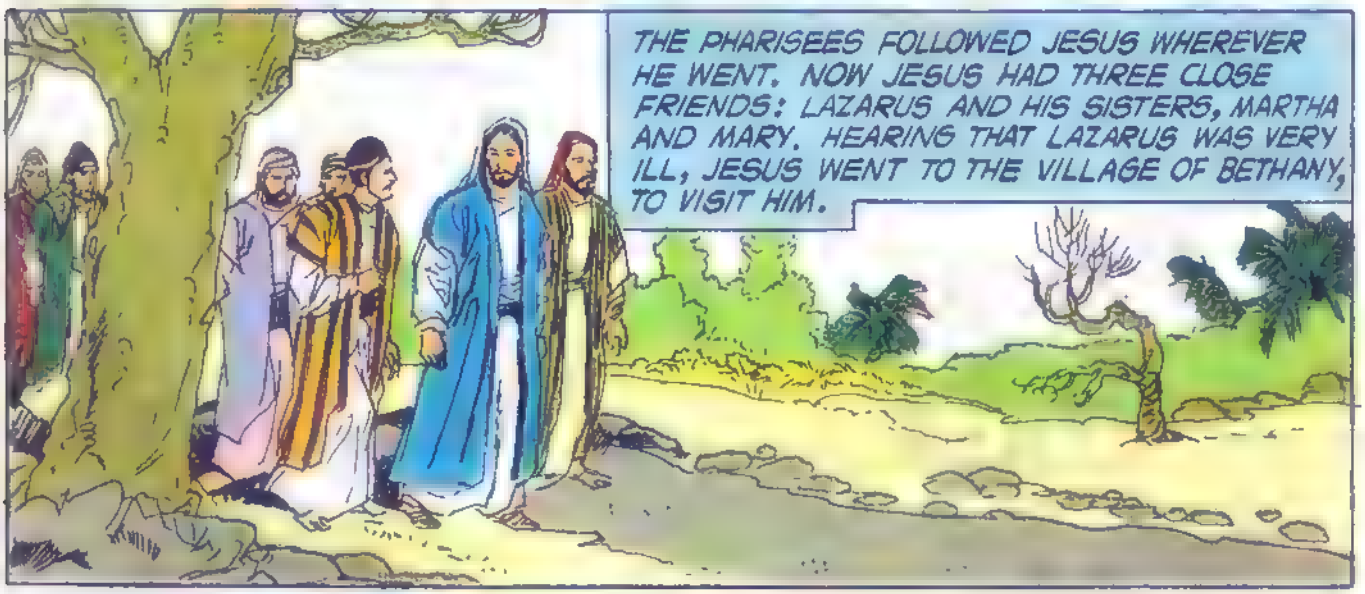

ON THE NEXT DAY, WHEN THE TEMPLE GUARDS WENT TO ARREST JESUS, THEY FOUND HIM PREACHING.
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP.

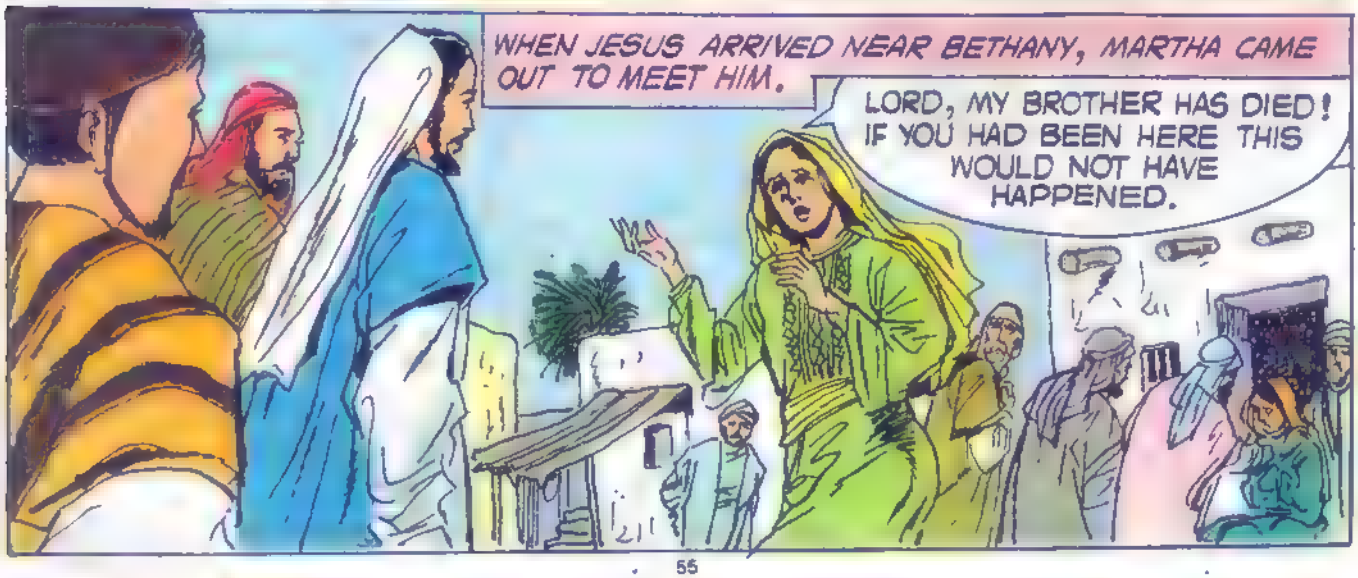
GO ON! ARREST HIM!
HOW CAN WE ARREST A MAN WHO IS READY TO DIE FOR US?
AND THE GUARDS LEFT WITHOUT DISTURBING JESUS.


LATER—
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DIDN'T YOU ARREST HIM?
MY LORD, I HAVE NOT HEARD ANY MAN SPEAK LIKE HIM IN ALL MY LIFE!

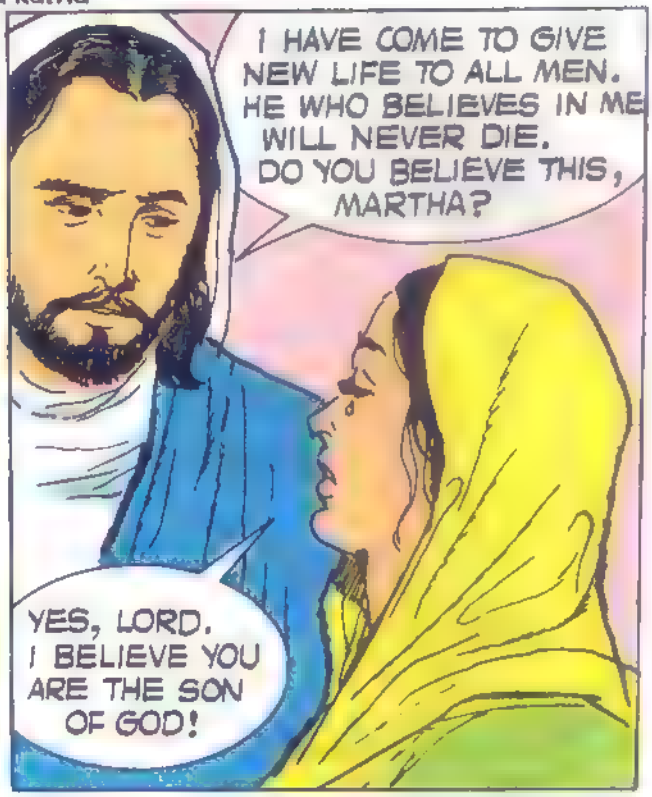
WHAT! HE HAS FOOLED YOU TOO?
MY LORD, THEY ARE ALL AFRAID OF THE CROWD.

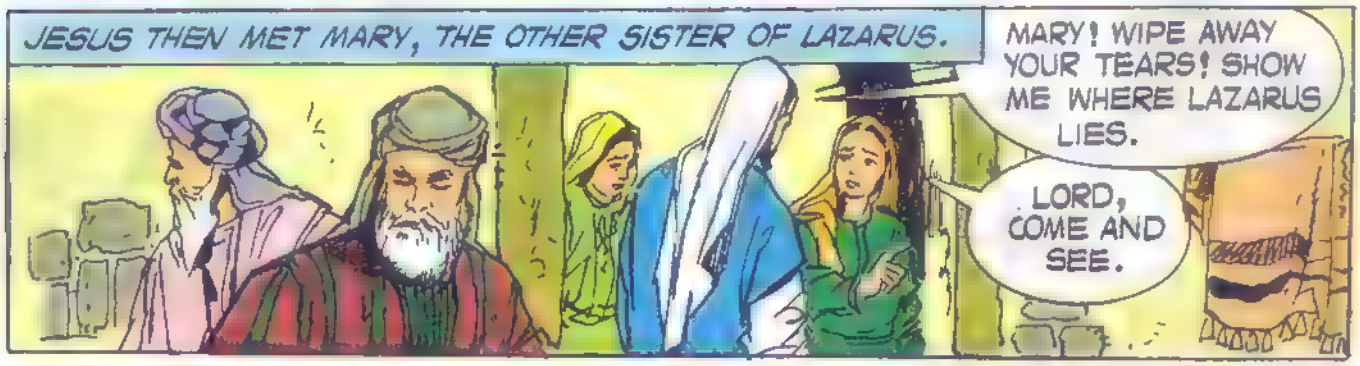

HM..M. THEN WE MUST FIND A BETTER WAY TO GET RID OF HIM! KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON HIS DISCIPLES—SPECIALLY ON JUDAS.

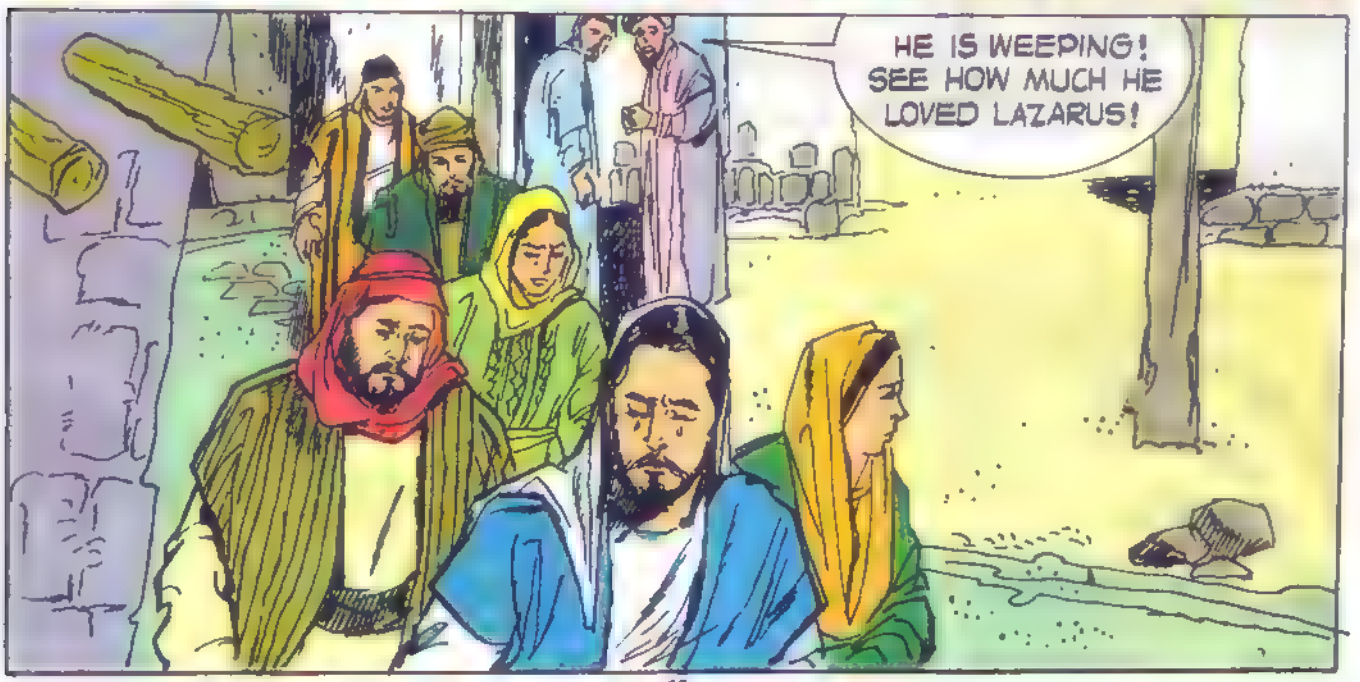

THE PHARISEES FOLLOWED JESUS WHEREVER HE WENT. NOW JESUS HAD THREE CLOSE FRIENDS: LAZARUS AND HIS SISTERS, MARTHA AND MARY. HEARING THAT LAZARUS WAS VERY ILL, JESUS WENT TO THE VILLAGE OF BETHANY, TO VISIT HIM.

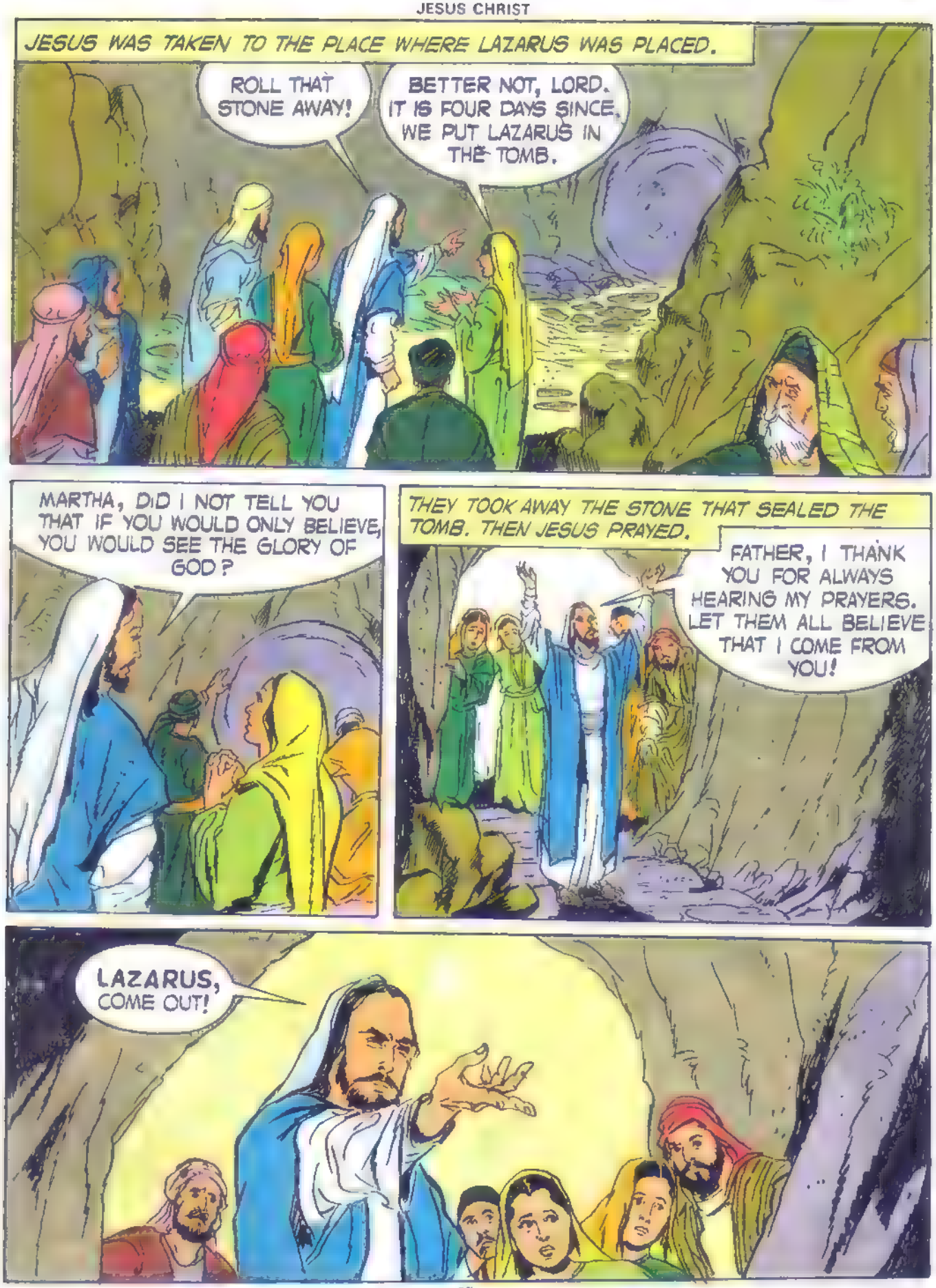

WHEN JESUS ARRIVED NEAR BETHANY, MARTHA CAME OUT TO MEET HIM.
LORD, MY BROTHER HAS DIED! IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

DON'T CRY, MARTHA. YOUR BROTHER WILL RISE AGAIN!
I KNOW HE WILL RISE AGAIN ON THE LAST DAY WHEN THIS WORLD ENDS.

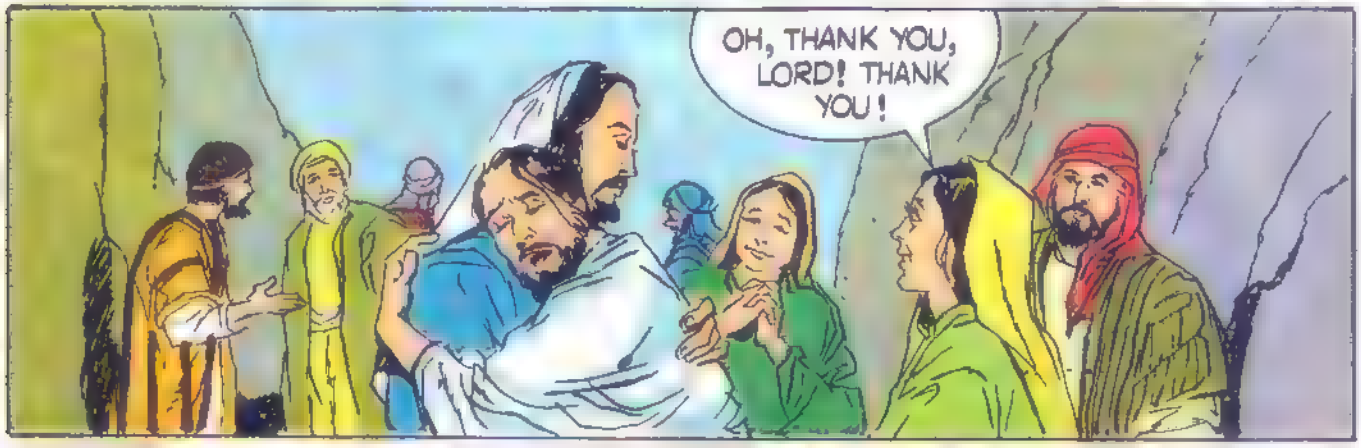

I HAVE COME TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO ALL MEN. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS, MARTHA?
YES, LORD. I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!

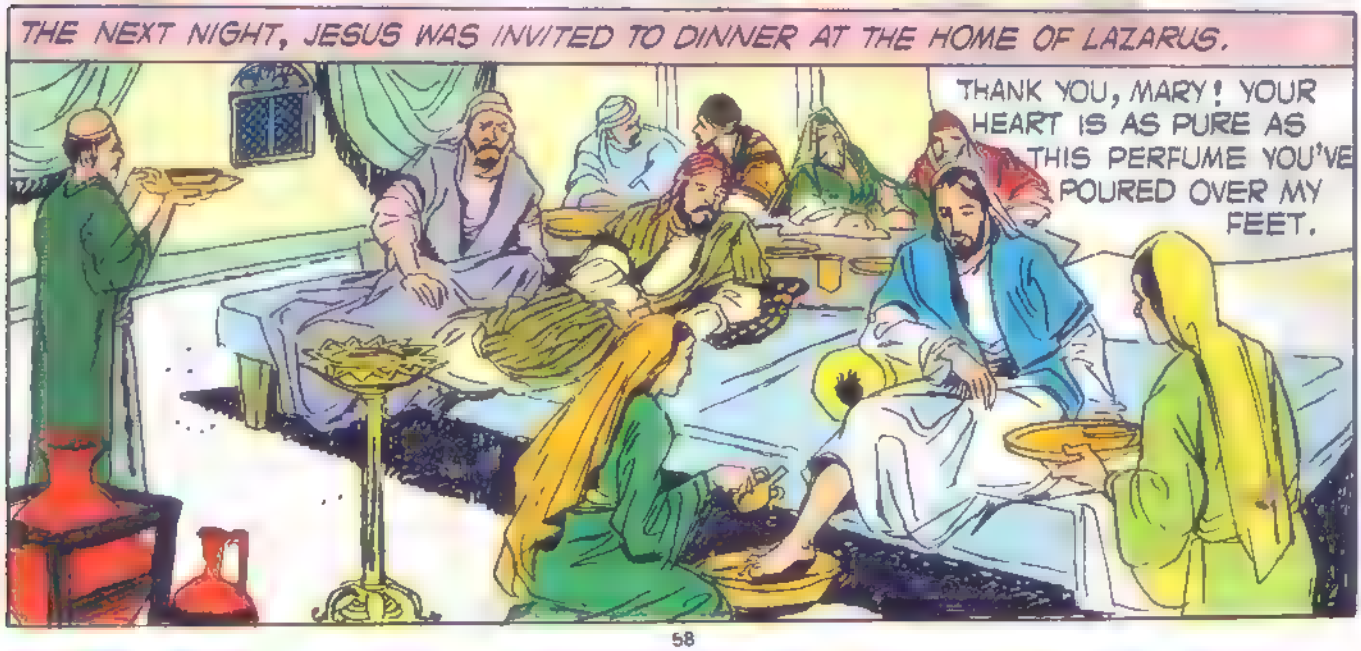

JESUS THEN MET MARY, THE OTHER SISTER OF LAZARUS.
MARY! WIPE AWAY YOUR TEARS! SHOW ME WHERE LAZARUS LIES.
LORD, COME AND SEE.

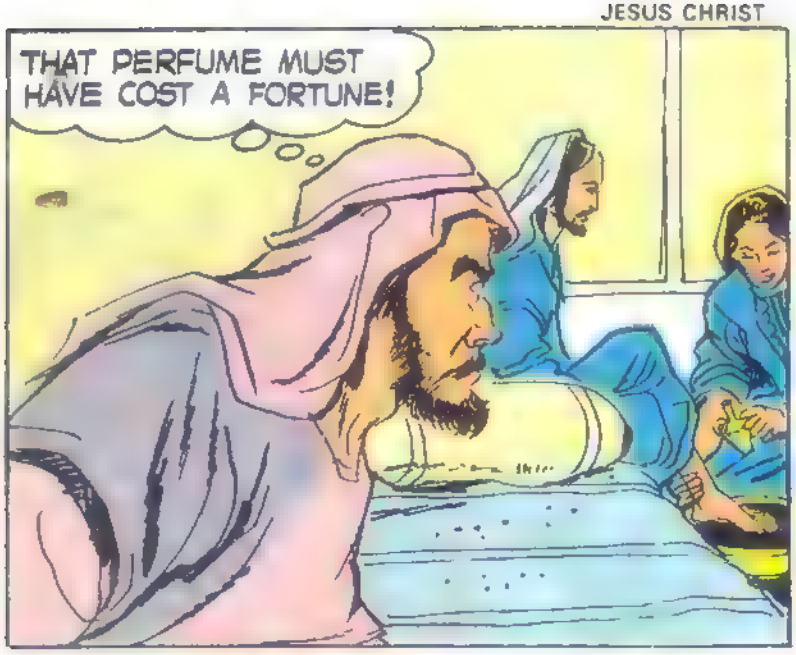

HE IS WEEPING! SEE HOW MUCH HE LOVED LAZARUS!

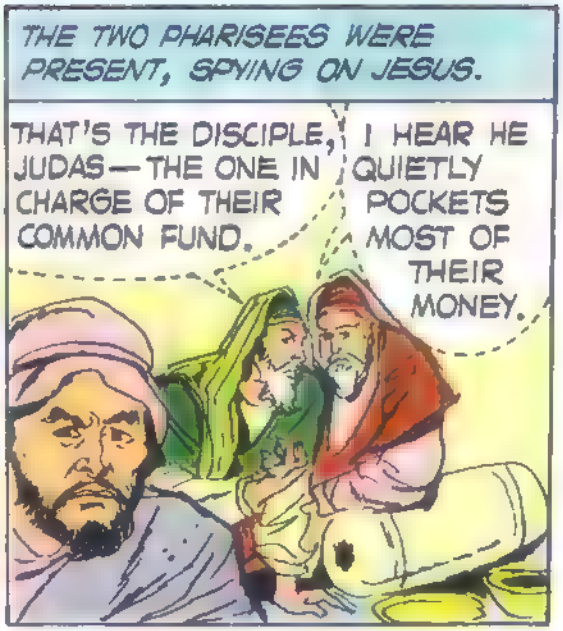

JESUS WAS TAKEN TO THE PLACE WHERE LAZARUS WAS PLACED.
ROLL THAT STONE AWAY!
BETTER NOT, LORD. IT IS FOUR DAYS SINCE WE PUT LAZARUS IN THE TOMB.
MARTHA, DID I NOT TELL YOU THAT IF YOU WOULD ONLY BELIEVE, YOU WOULD SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?
THEY TOOK AWAY THE STONE THAT SEALED THE TOMB. THEN JESUS PRAYED.
FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HEARING MY PRAYERS. LET THEM ALL BELIEVE THAT I COME FROM YOU!
LAZARUS, COME OUT!

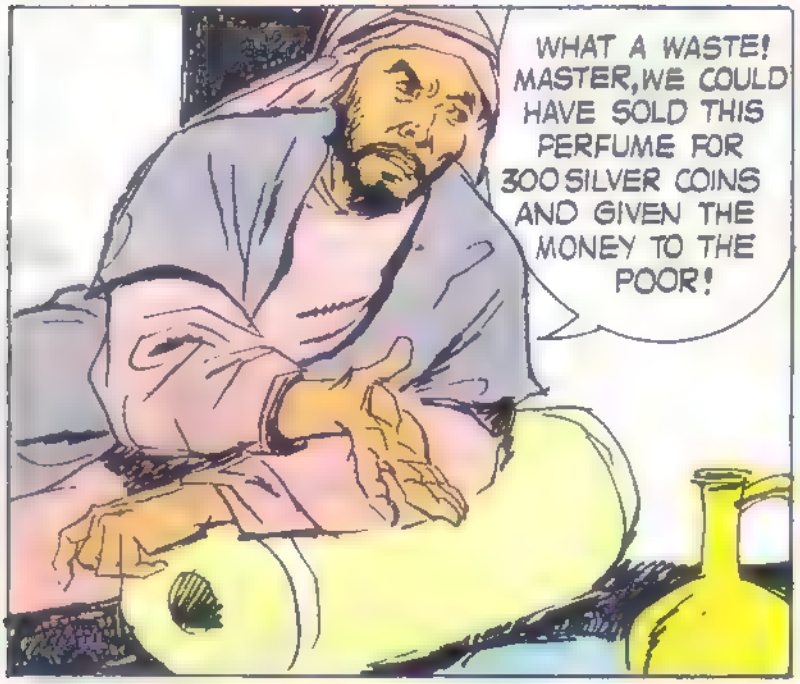
LAZARUS AROSE FROM THE TOMB.
UNBIND HIM AND LET HIM GO FREE!
PRAISE GOD!
PRAISE GOD!
THE CROWDS ARE GOING CRAZY!

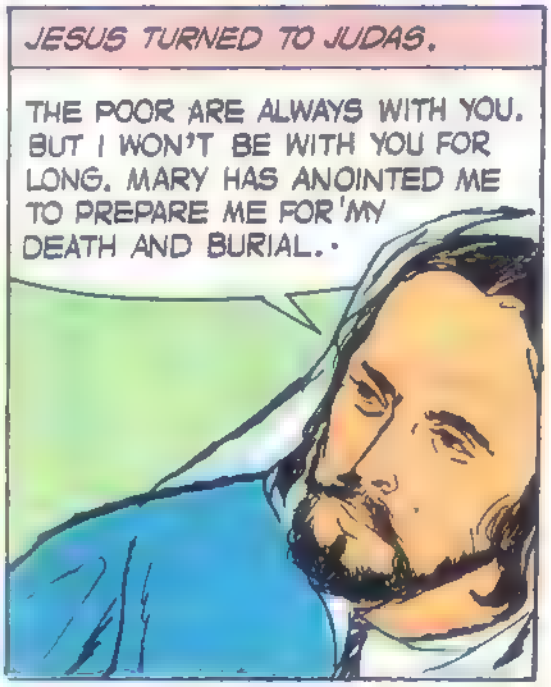

OH, THANK YOU, LORD! THANK YOU!


THE NEXT NIGHT, JESUS WAS INVITED TO DINNER AT THE HOME OF LAZARUS.
THANK YOU, MARY! YOUR HEART IS AS PURE AS THIS PERFUME YOU'VE POURED OVER MY FEET.

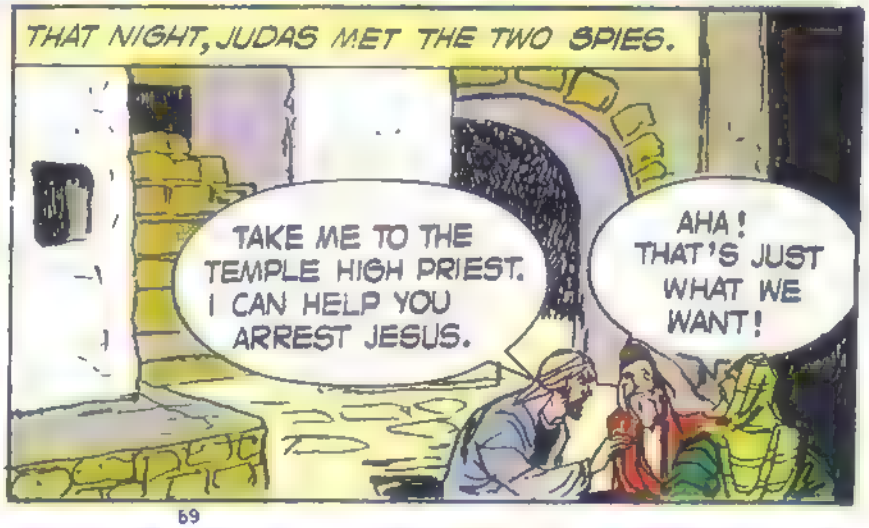

THAT PERFUME MUST HAVE COST A FORTUNE!


THE TWO PHARISEES WERE PRESENT, SPYING ON JESUS.
THAT'S THE DISCIPLE, JUDAS—THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THEIR COMMON FUND.
I HEAR HE QUIETLY POCKETS MOST OF THEIR MONEY.


WHAT A WASTE! MASTER, WE COULD HAVE SOLD THIS PERFUME FOR 300 SILVER COINS AND GIVEN THE MONEY TO THE POOR!


JESUS TURNED TO JUDAS.
THE POOR ARE ALWAYS WITH YOU. BUT I WON'T BE WITH YOU FOR LONG. MARY HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREPARE ME FOR MY DEATH AND BURIAL.

HE HAS INSULTED ME! I WILL MAKE HIM PAY FOR IT!


THAT NIGHT, JUDAS MET THE TWO SPIES.
TAKE ME TO THE TEMPLE HIGH PRIEST. I CAN HELP YOU ARREST JESUS.
AHA! THAT'S JUST WHAT WE WANT!

A MEETING WITH THE HIGH PRIEST WAS ARRANGED—

I AM READY TO HAND JESUS OVER TO YOU. WHAT WILL YOU PAY ME?

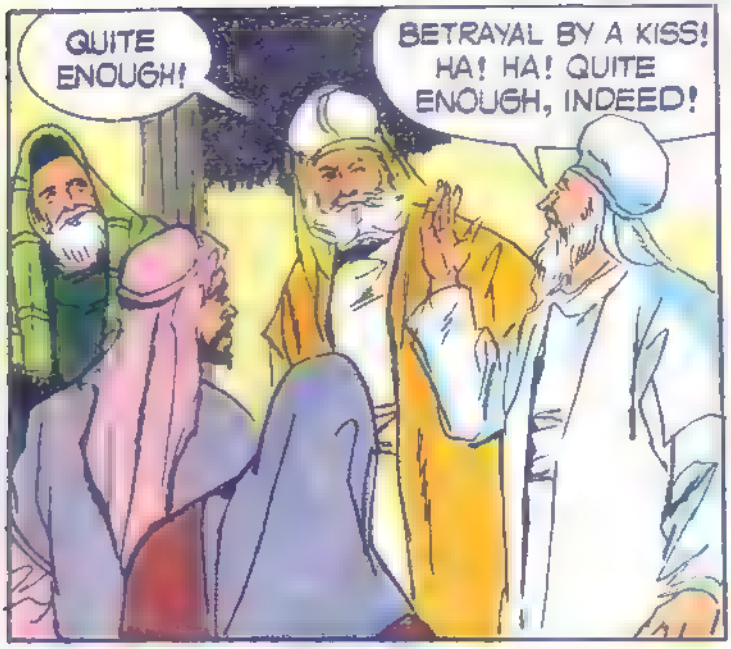
THIRTY COINS OF SILVER.

WHEN WILL YOU DELIVER THIS MAN TO US?

KEEP YOUR SOLDIERS IN READINESS. I WILL SEND YOU A MESSAGE.

BUT HOW WILL THEY RECOGNISE JESUS? THEY MIGHT ARREST THE WRONG MAN!

I WILL GO WITH THEM AND I WILL GREET JESUS WITH A KISS. IS THAT ENOUGH?



THE NEXT DAY, JESUS LEFT BETHANY AND WENT TO JERUSALEM. THE NEWS OF HIS RECENT MIRACLE HAD SPREAD AND CROWDS FOLLOWED HIM EVERYWHERE.

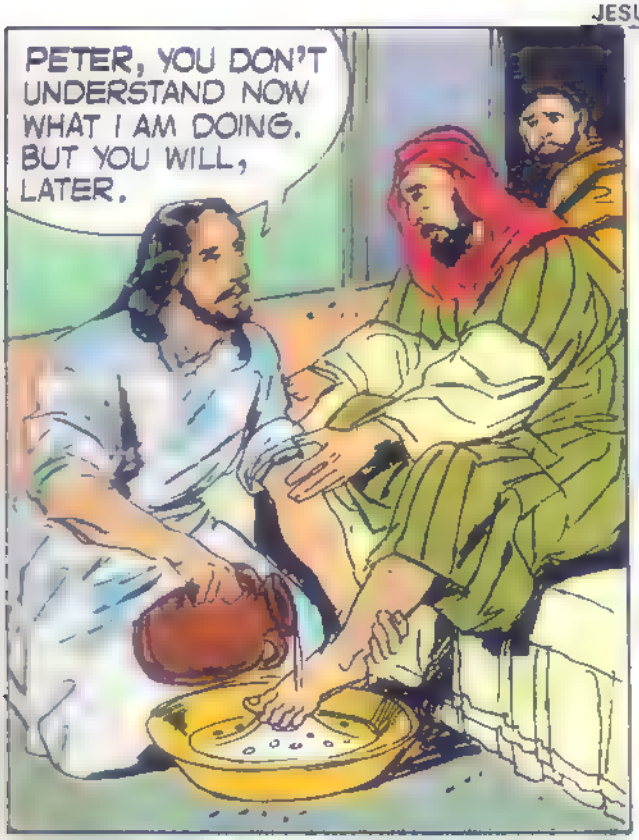
HOSANNA!* BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF GOD!

HOSANNA!

HOSANNA!

* SAVE US

* THIS EPISODE LATER CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE "LAST SUPPER"

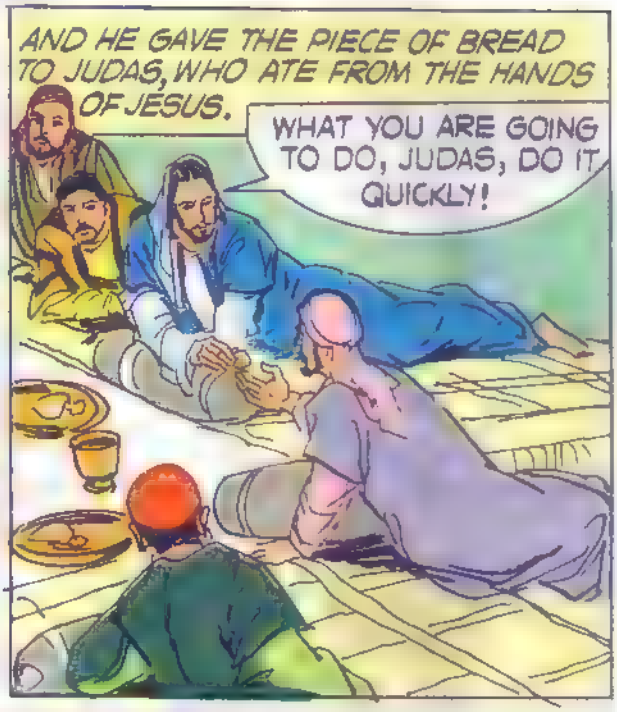

PETER, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND NOW WHAT I AM DOING. BUT YOU WILL, LATER.

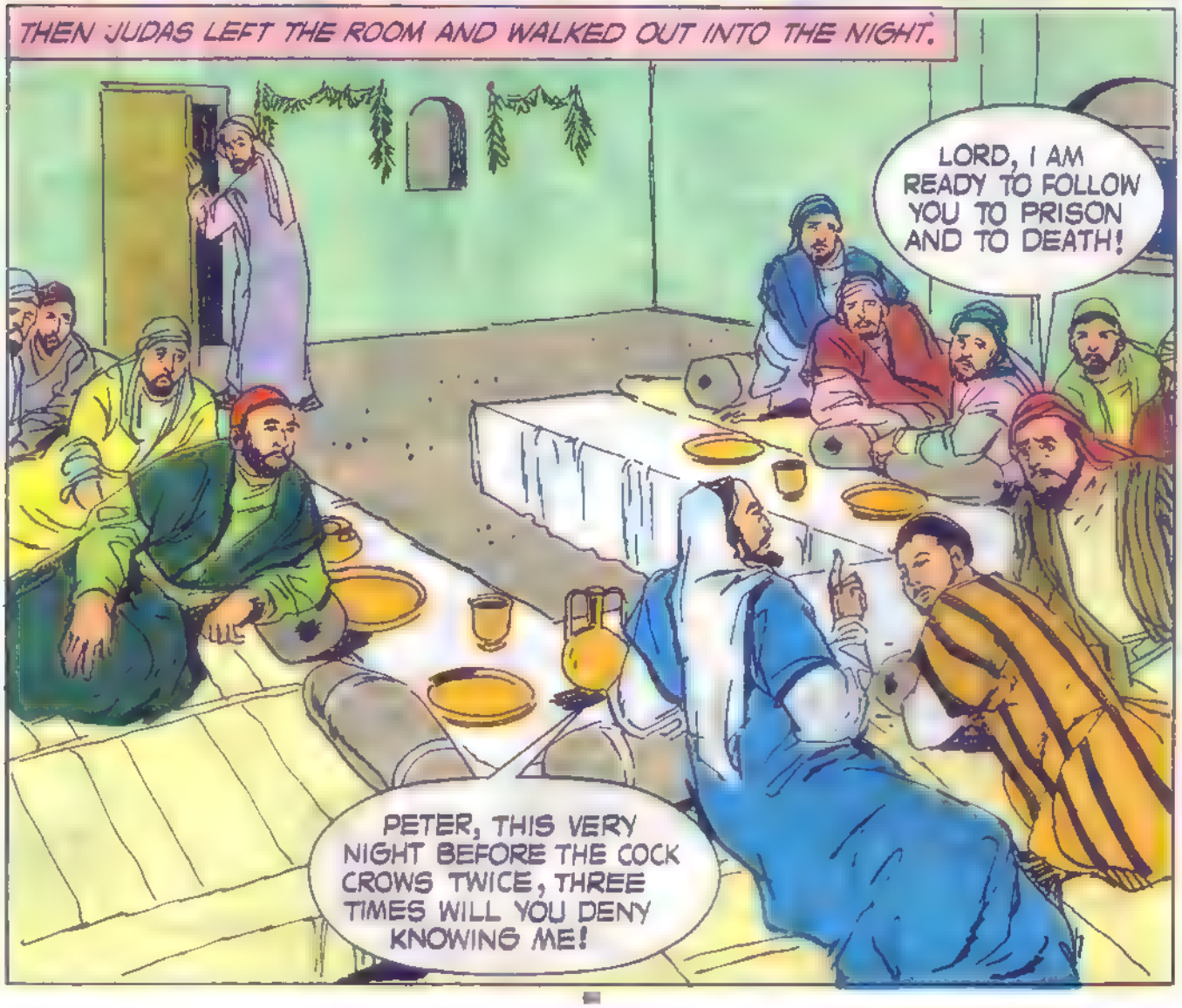
WHILE WASHING JUDAS' FEET —
YOU ARE ALL CLEAN — ALL EXCEPT ONE!
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

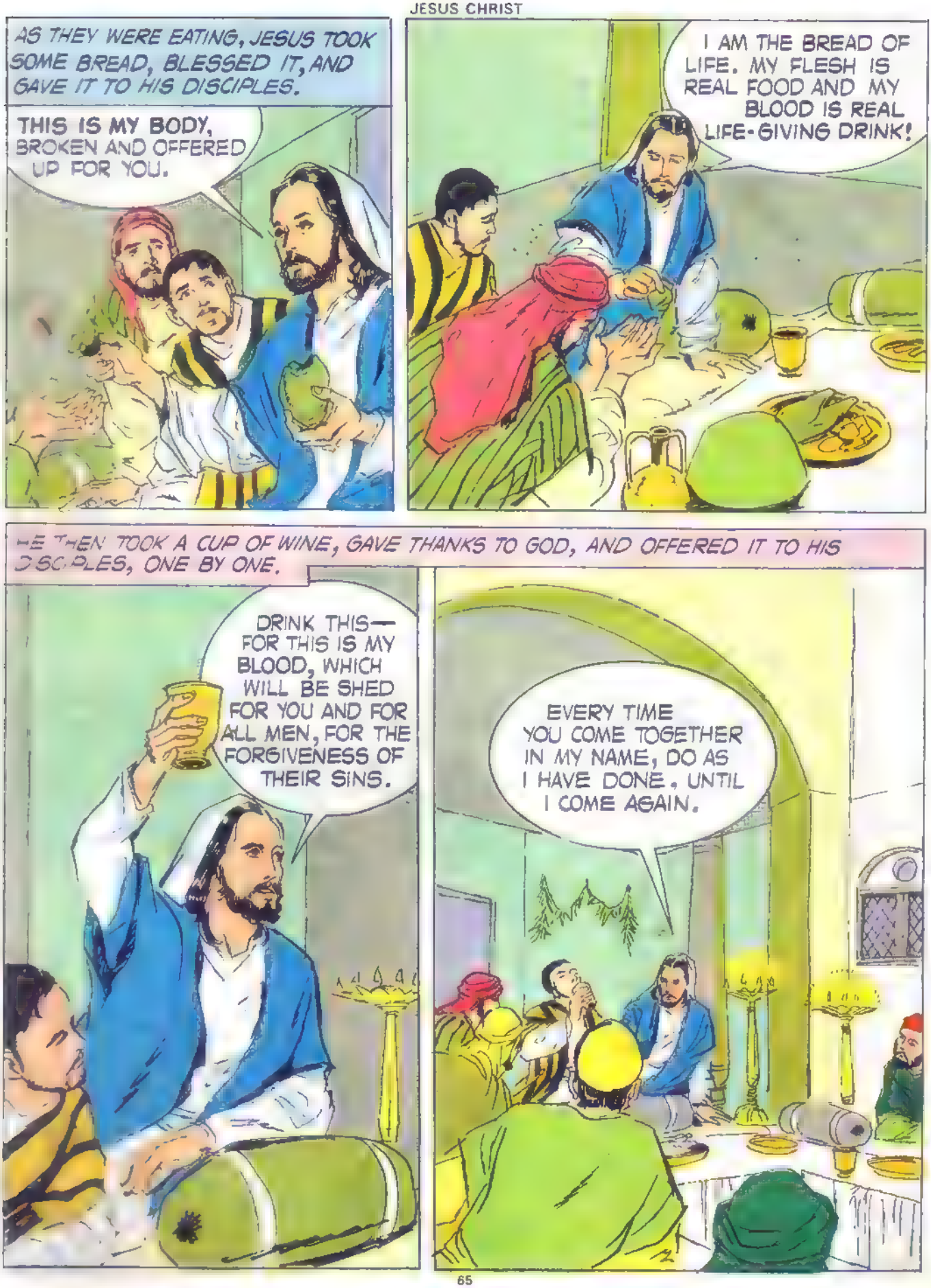
IF I, YOUR LORD AND MASTER, HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET, YOU TOO MUST WASH EACH OTHER'S FEET. LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU AND SERVED YOU.

SOON I WILL BE LEAVING YOU. ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME.
IS IT I, LORD?

WHO IS THE BETRAYER, LORD?
THE ONE TO WHOM I GIVE THIS PIECE OF BREAD DIPPED IN MY DISH WILL BETRAY ME.


AND HE GAVE THE PIECE OF BREAD TO JUDAS, WHO ATE FROM THE HANDS OF JESUS.
WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO, JUDAS, DO IT QUICKLY!


THEN JUDAS LEFT THE ROOM AND WALKED OUT INTO THE NIGHT.
LORD, I AM READY TO FOLLOW YOU TO PRISON AND TO DEATH!
PETER, THIS VERY NIGHT BEFORE THE COCK CROWS TWICE, THREE TIMES WILL YOU DENY KNOWING ME!


AS THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK SOME BREAD, BLESSED IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES.
THIS IS MY BODY, BROKEN AND OFFERED UP FOR YOU.
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. MY FLESH IS REAL FOOD AND MY BLOOD IS REAL LIFE-GIVING DRINK!
HE THEN TOOK A CUP OF WINE, GAVE THANKS TO GOD, AND OFFERED IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, ONE BY ONE.
DRINK THIS— FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD, WHICH WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL MEN, FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS.
EVERY TIME YOU COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME, DO AS I HAVE DONE, UNTIL I COME AGAIN.

AS THE LAST SUPPER ENDED—

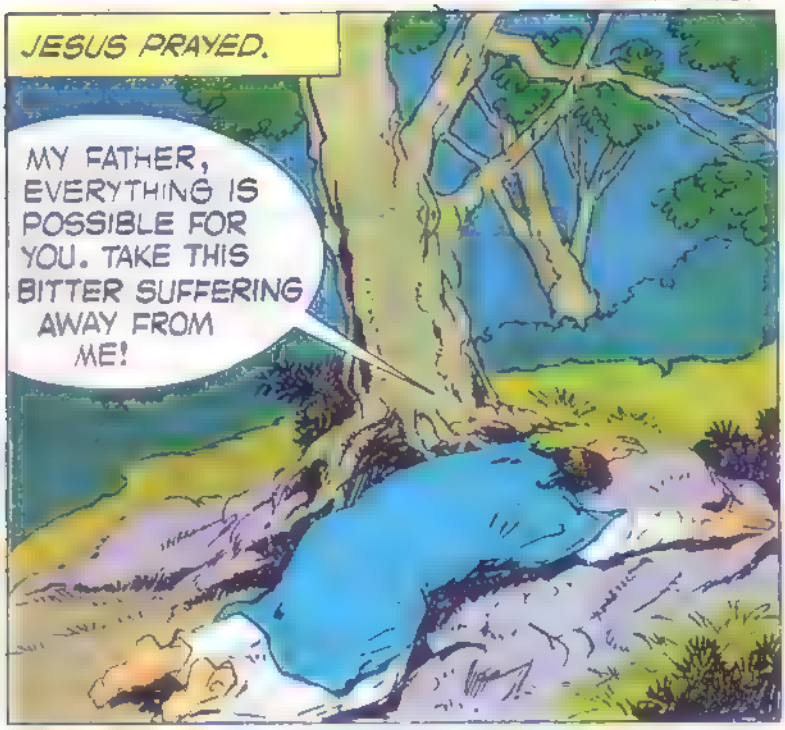
DON'T BE SAD! I WON'T LEAVE YOU HELPLESS. I WILL SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU. PEACE BE WITH YOU!

MY TIME HAS COME. LET US GO OUT.

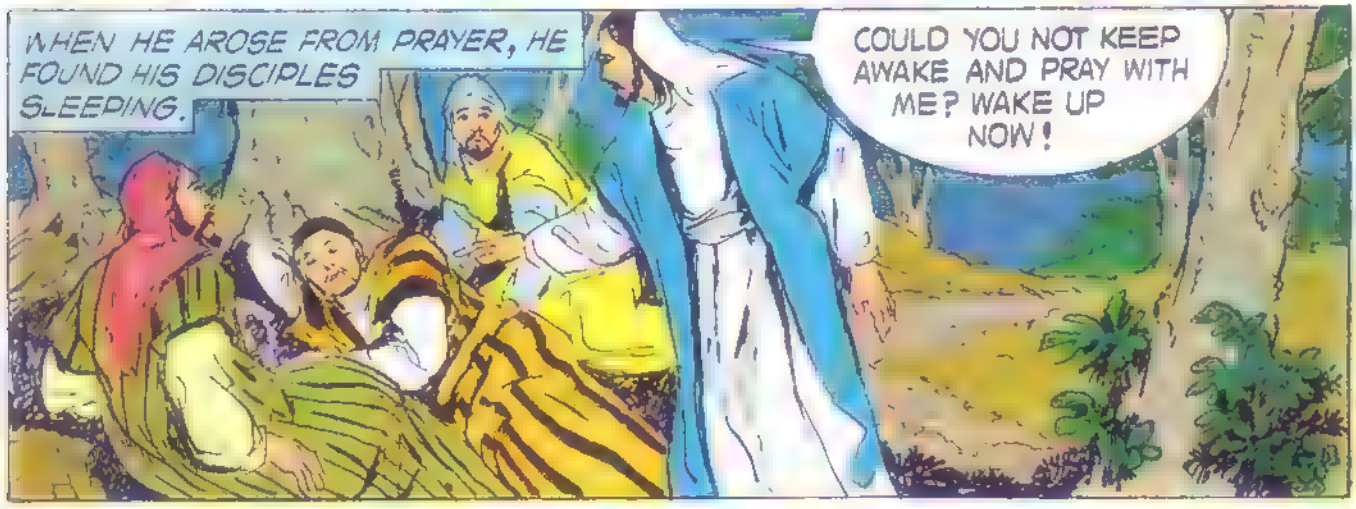
WHAT WAS FORETOLD ABOUT ME IN THE HOLY WRITINGS WILL SOON COME TRUE: "GOD PLACED THE BURDEN OF OUR SINS ON HIM. LIKE A LAMB THAT IS LED TO THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSE, HE NEVER OPENED HIS MOUTH."

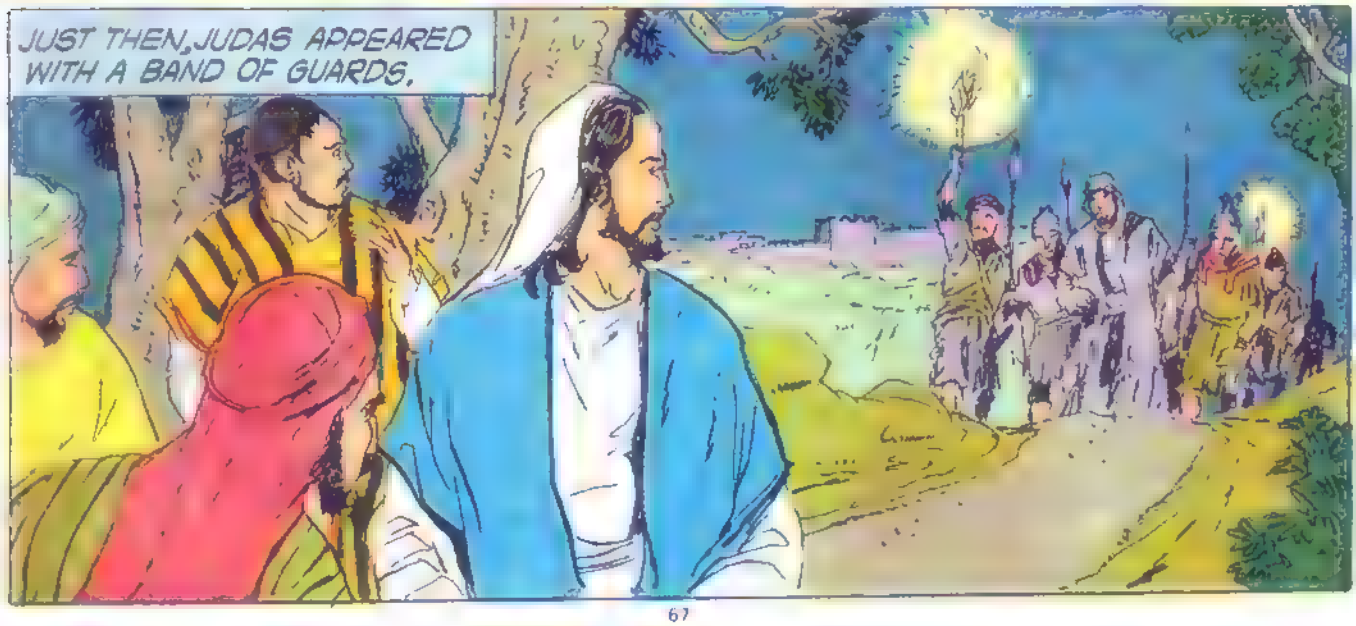
THEN JESUS WENT TO AN OLIVE GROVE CALLED GETHSEMANE, OUTSIDE JERUSALEM.

PETER, JAMES AND JOHN, STAY HERE NEAR ME AND PRAY.


JESUS PRAYED.
MY FATHER, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU. TAKE THIS BITTER SUFFERING AWAY FROM ME!

AS HE PRAYED, HE SWEATED BLOOD.
BUT LET YOUR WILL BE DONE, NOT MINE!

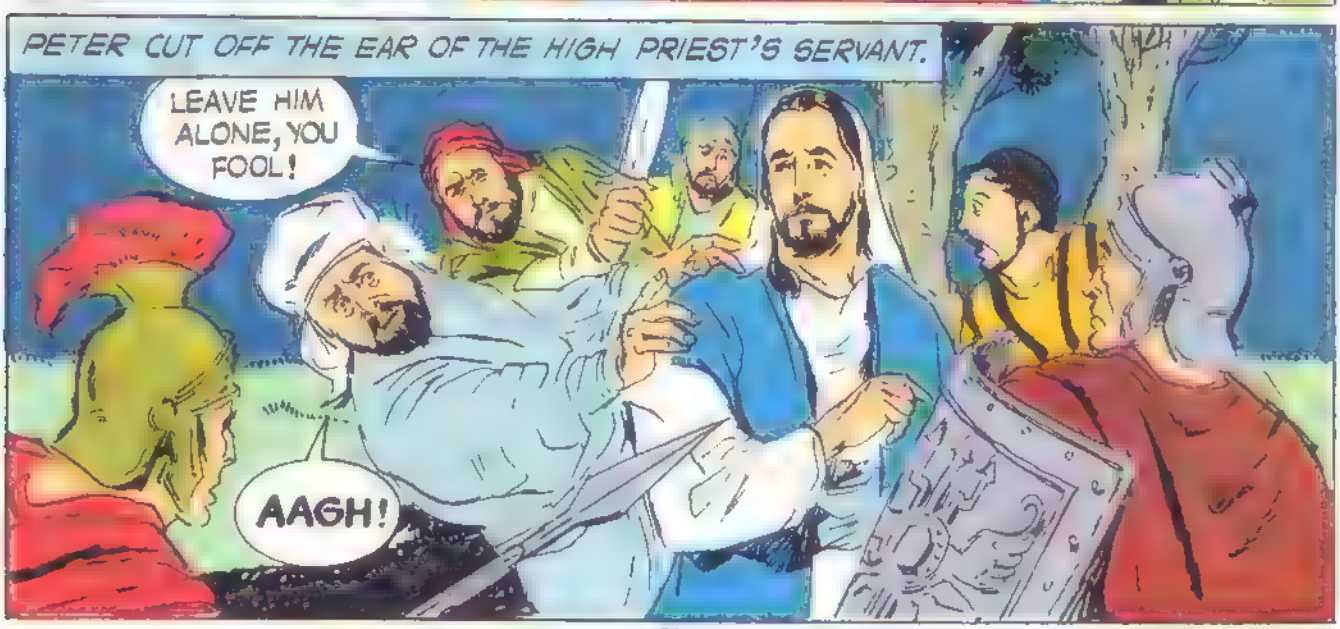

WHEN HE AROSE FROM PRAYER, HE FOUND HIS DISCIPLES SLEEPING.
COULD YOU NOT KEEP AWAKE AND PRAY WITH ME? WAKE UP NOW!


JUST THEN, JUDAS APPEARED WITH A BAND OF GUARDS.

HAIL, MASTER!

JUDAS, MY FRIEND, DO YOU BETRAY ME WITH A KISS!

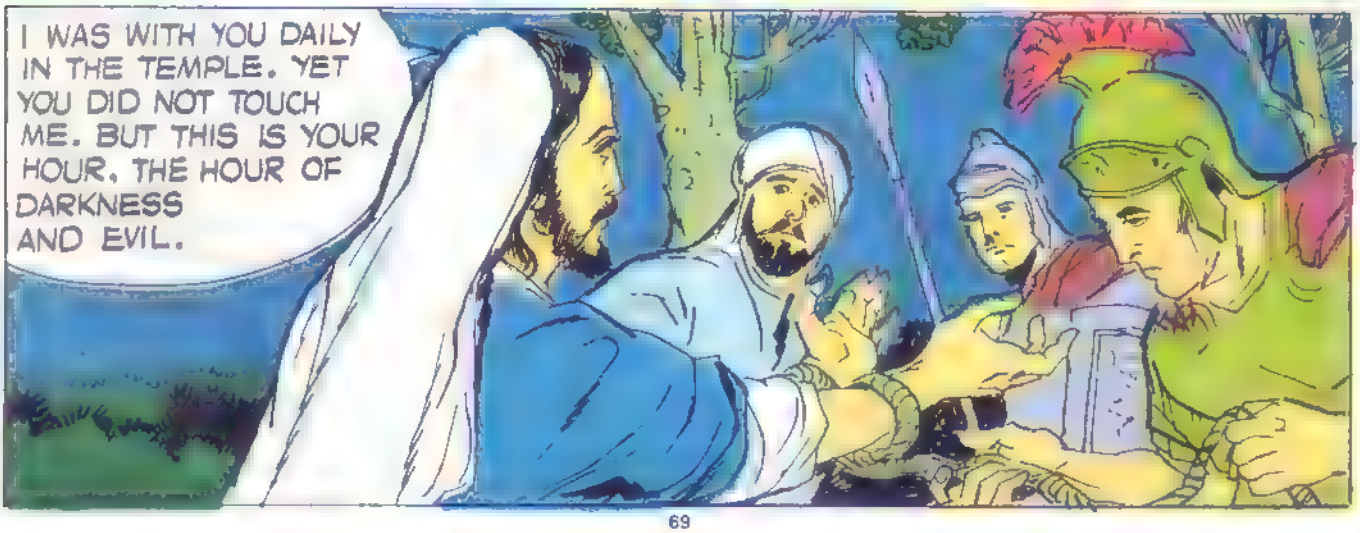
JUDAS HAS KISSED THAT MAN! ARREST HIM!


PETER CUT OFF THE EAR OF THE HIGH PRIEST'S SERVANT.
LEAVE HIM ALONE, YOU FOOL!
AAGH!

PUT BACK YOUR SWORD, PETER. FOR HE WHO DRAWS THE SWORD WILL DIE BY THE SWORD!

JESUS HEALED THE MAN'S EAR.

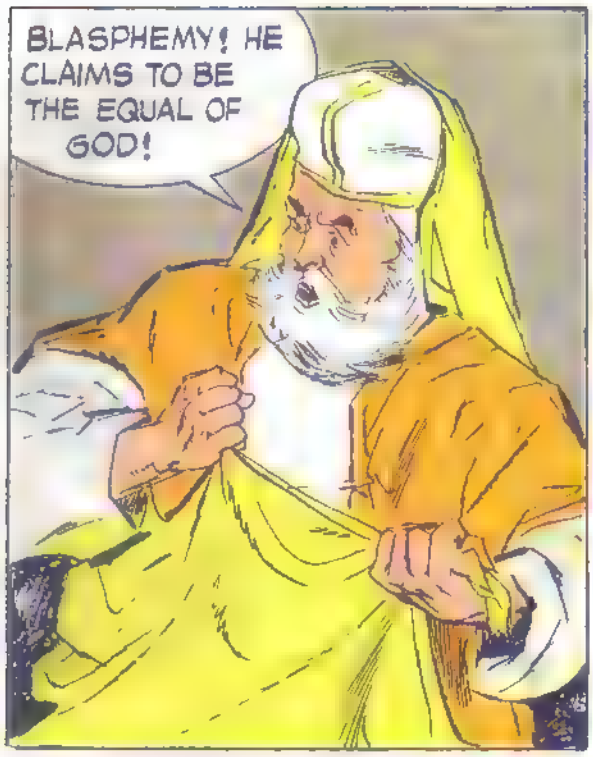
WHY HAVE YOU COME FULLY ARMED TO ARREST ME? AM I A ROBBER?

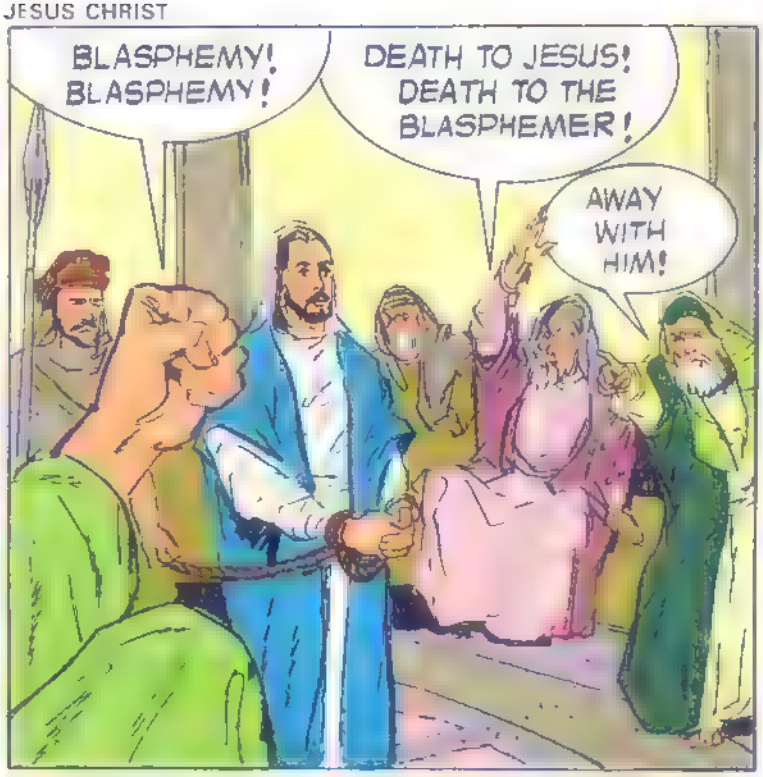

I WAS WITH YOU DAILY IN THE TEMPLE. YET YOU DID NOT TOUCH ME. BUT THIS IS YOUR HOUR, THE HOUR OF DARKNESS AND EVIL.

JESUS WAS TAKEN TO JERUSALEM.
JOHN, THEY ARE TAKING HIM TO CAIAPHAS!
LET'S FOLLOW THEM, PETER.

JESUS WAS BROUGHT BEFORE CAIAPHAS.
IN THE NAME OF GOD, I ASK YOU: ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD?

I AM. AND I WILL COME AGAIN ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN AS THE KING OF KINGS.

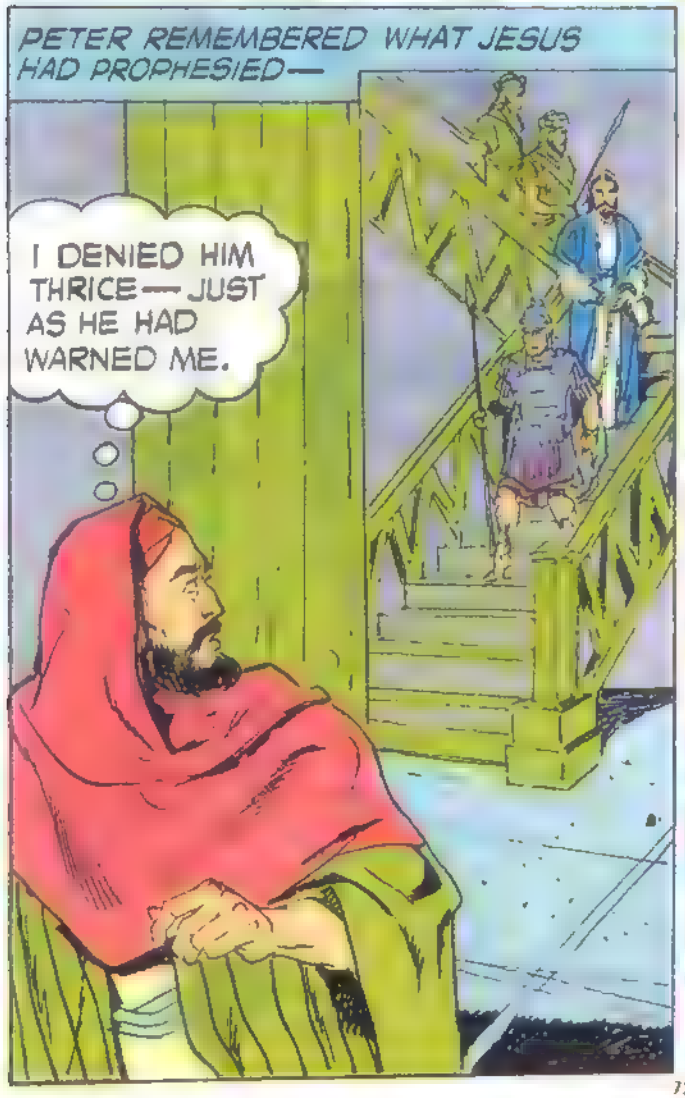

BLASPHEMY! HE CLAIMS TO BE THE EQUAL OF GOD!

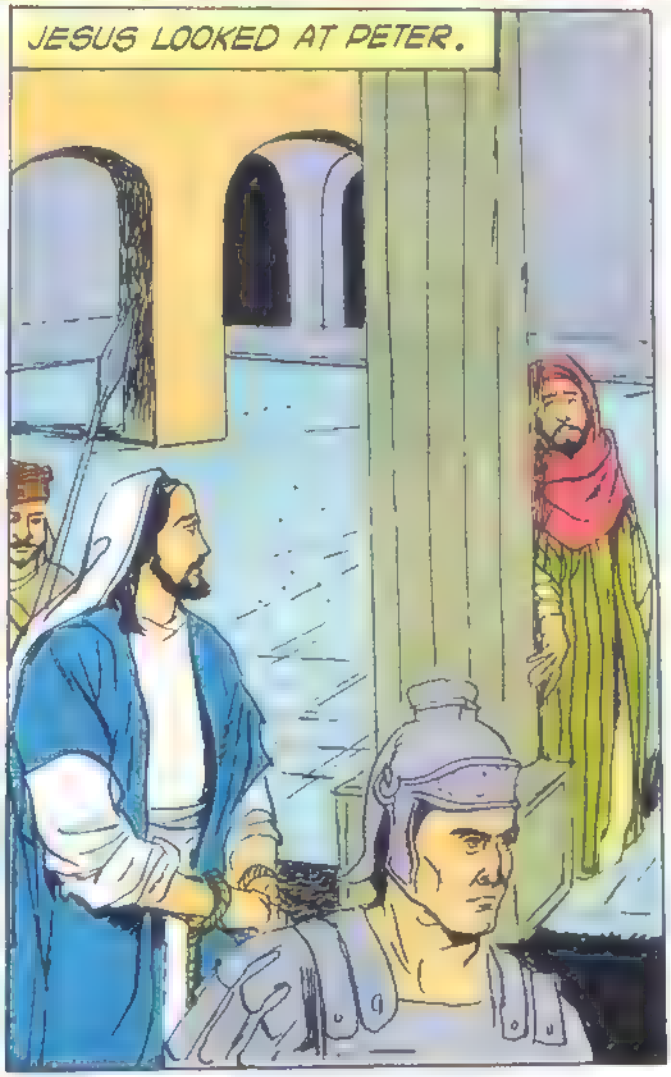

BLASPHEMY! BLASPHEMY!
DEATH TO JESUS! DEATH TO THE BLASPHEMER!
AWAY WITH HIM!

MEANWHILE PETER WAS SITTING OUTSIDE THE PALACE OF CAIAPHAS—
YOU, TOO, WERE WITH JESUS, WEREN'T YOU?
HUH? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT!
HEY! BUT YOU SOUND LIKE A GALILEAN!
I TELL YOU I DON'T KNOW THIS JESUS!

YOU ARE THE SAME MAN WHO STRUCK AT MY BROTHER'S EAR. I'LL SHOW YOU!
GOD IS MY WITNESS, I AM NOT THE MAN!

JUST THEN A COCK CREW.


PETER REMEMBERED WHAT JESUS HAD PROPHESIED—
I DENIED HIM THRICE— JUST AS HE HAD WARNED ME.


JESUS LOOKED AT PETER.

THAT NIGHT IN THE PRISON —
AHA! MIGHTY PROPHET! TELL US NOW WHO HIT YOU?
WHEN MORNING CAME, THEY TOOK JESUS TO PILATE, THE ROMAN GOVERNOR.
YOUR EXCELLENCY, THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE. HE IS PREACHING REVOLUTION TO THE CROWDS! HE SAYS HE IS THE KING OF KINGS!
SPQR
WE HAVE NO POWER TO SENTENCE ANYONE TO DEATH. SO WE HAVE BROUGHT HIM TO YOU.
WHAT IS THEIR GAME? I THINK THEY ARE USING ME TO GET RID OF HIM. YET THERE IS NOT MUCH I CAN DO TO SAVE HIM.

PILATE QUESTIONED JESUS—

SPEAK UP. ARE YOU A KING?

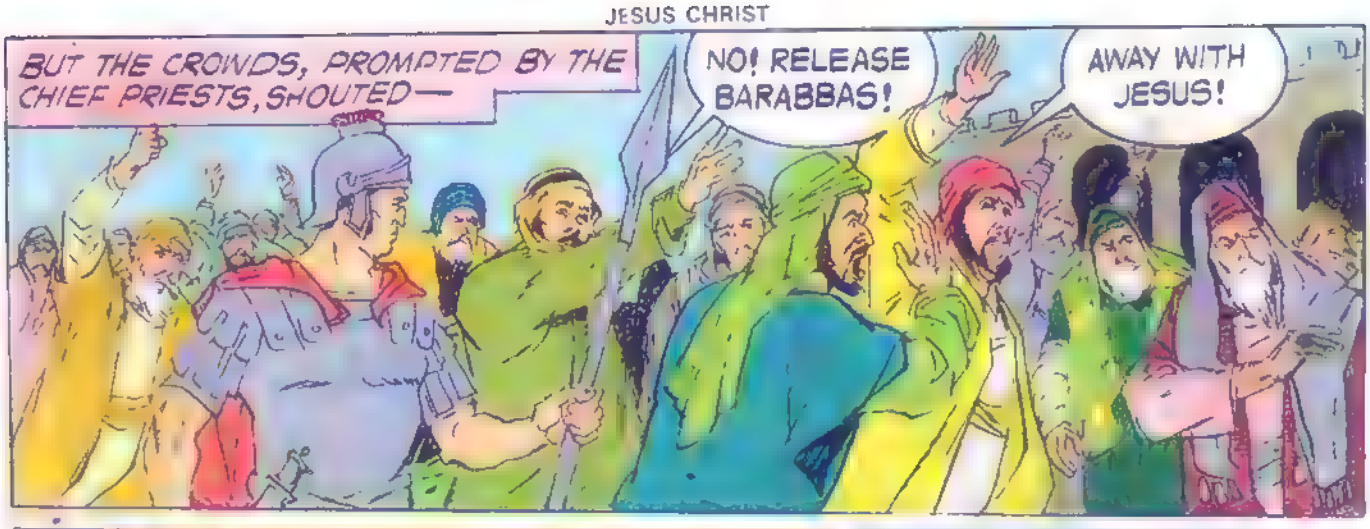
YES.

HE IS SO SILENT, SO CALM.

JESUS MEANT THAT HE WAS A KING— BUT NOT OF THE WORLDLY KINGDOM. PILATE UNDERSTOOD THIS AND WISHED TO SAVE HIM.

HE ADDRESSED THE CROWDS OUTSIDE.

PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM! EVERY YEAR I RELEASE ONE PRISONER AT YOUR PASSOVER FEAST. I HAVE TWO PRISONERS RIGHT HERE. BARABBAS WHO IS A NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL AND JESUS, WHO HAS COMMITTED NO CRIME. NOW, SHALL I SET JESUS FREE?


BUT THE CROWDS, PROMPTED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS, SHOUTED—
NO! RELEASE BARABBAS!
AWAY WITH JESUS!

BUT WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS?

CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!
WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR!

YOUR EXCELLENCY, IF YOU SPARE THIS MAN, YOU WILL BE ACTING AGAINST THE EMPEROR!
THERE WILL BE RIOTS IN JERUSALEM!

* OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A HUNDRED SOLDIERS

BUT THEY SHOUTED LOUDER STILL.
CRUCIFY HIM!
CRUCIFY HIM!
PILATE FAILED TO SAVE JESUS. HE WASHED HIS HANDS RITUALLY IN FRONT OF ALL.
DON'T BLAME ME FOR SHEDDING THE BLOOD OF THIS INNOCENT MAN!
MAY HIS BLOOD BE UPON OUR HEADS!
CENTURION, RELEASE BARABBAS AND CRUCIFY JESUS!
SO BARABBAS, THE KILLER, WAS SAVED, AND JESUS, THE SAVIOUR, WAS LED AWAY TO BE KILLED ON A CROSS.

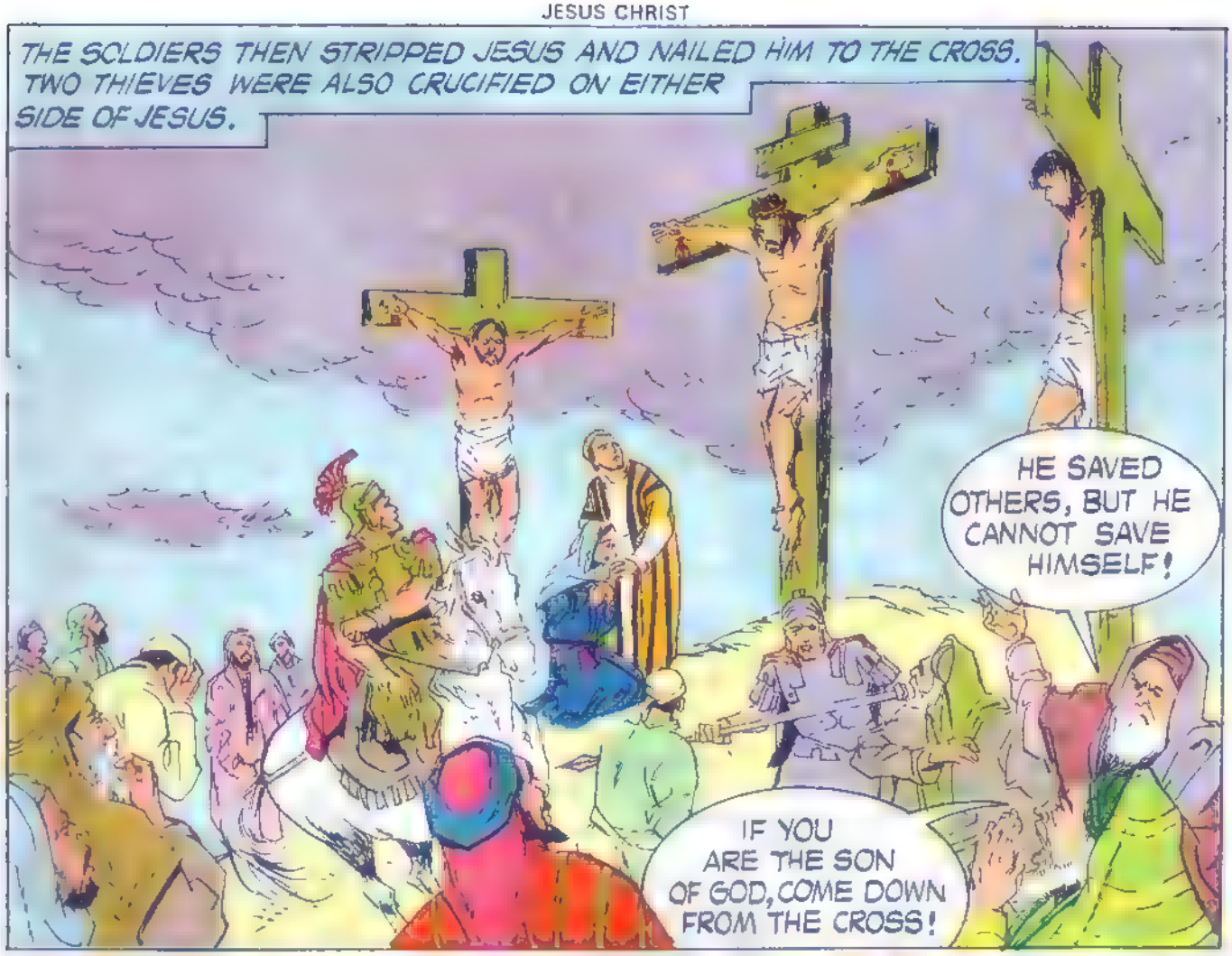
JESUS CARRIED THE HEAVY CROSS TO A HILL CALLED CALVARY. TWO THIEVES, WHO WERE ALSO SENTENCED TO DEATH, WERE TAKEN WITH HIM.

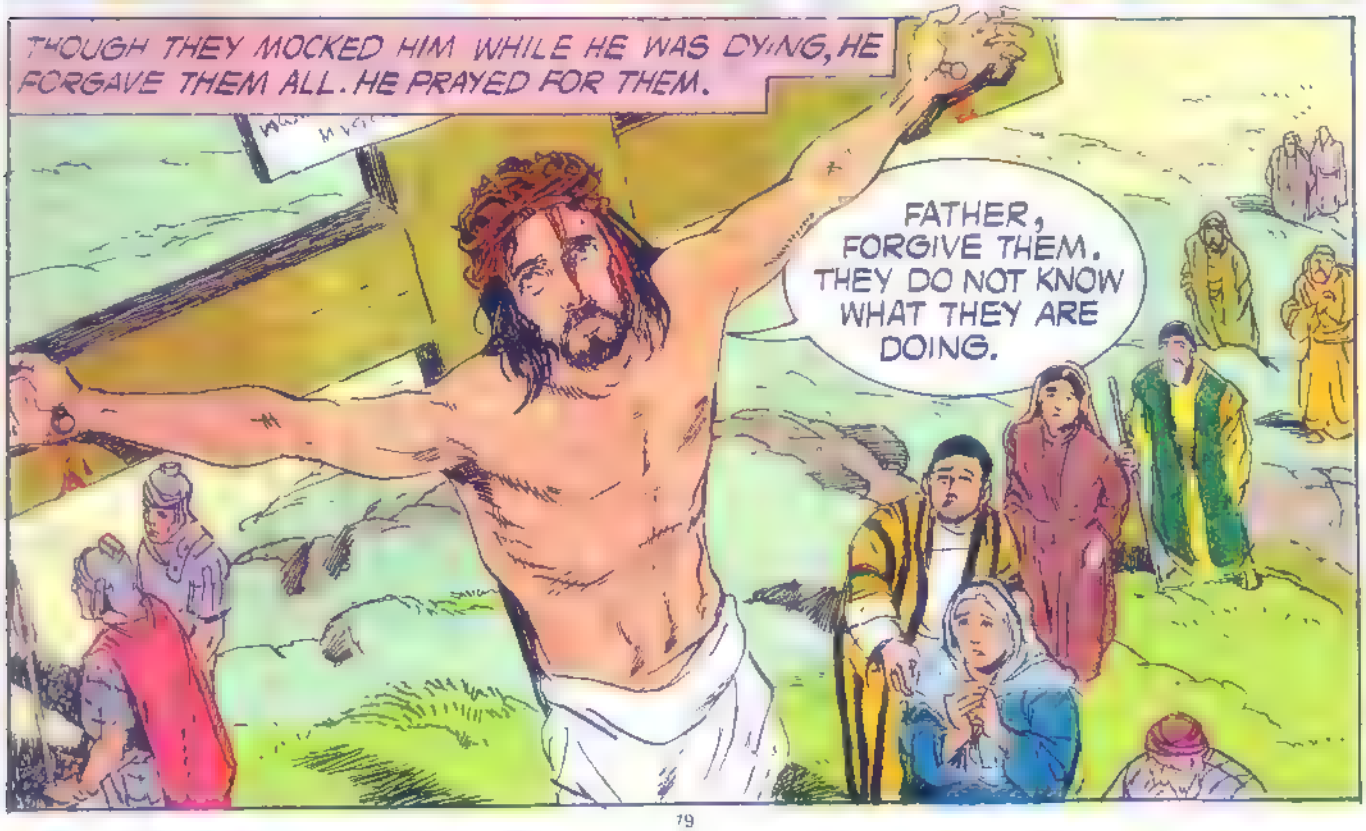
ON THE WAY, JESUS SAW SOME WOMEN CRYING.

DON'T WEEP FOR ME. WEEP FOR YOURSELVES AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

JESUS MET HIS MOTHER, MARY.

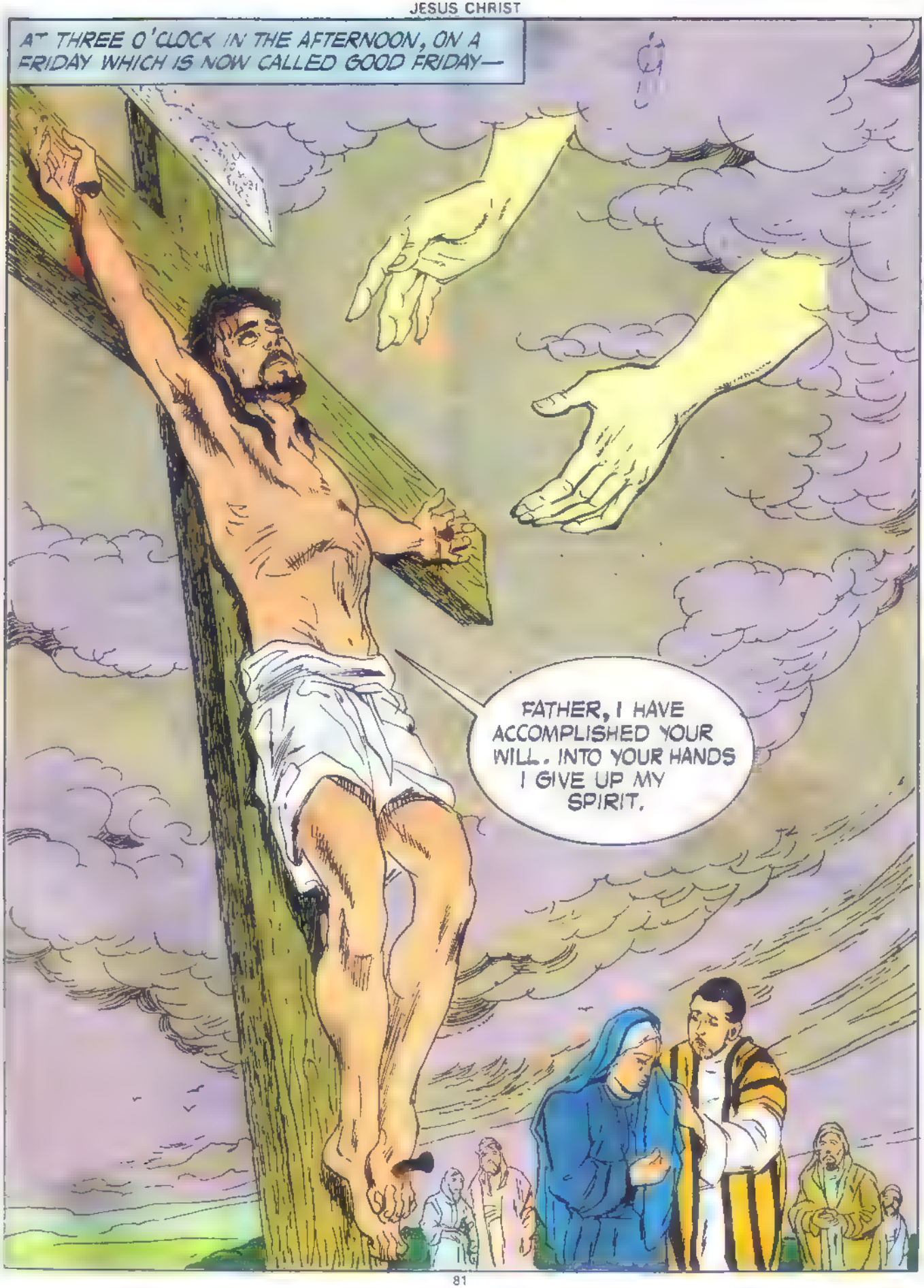
THE CROSS WAS SO HEAVY THAT JESUS FELL UNDER ITS WEIGHT MANY TIMES BEFORE HE REACHED CALVARY.


THE SOLDIERS THEN STRIPPED JESUS AND NAILED HIM TO THE CROSS. TWO THIEVES WERE ALSO CRUCIFIED ON EITHER SIDE OF JESUS.
HE SAVED OTHERS, BUT HE CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF!
IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!


THOUGH THEY MOCKED HIM WHILE HE WAS DYING, HE FORGAVE THEM ALL. HE PRAYED FOR THEM.
FATHER, FORGIVE THEM. THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

THOUGH THE OTHERS JEERED AT HIM, THE THIEF AT HIS RIGHT, BELIEVED IN HIM.
JESUS, REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM!
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE!

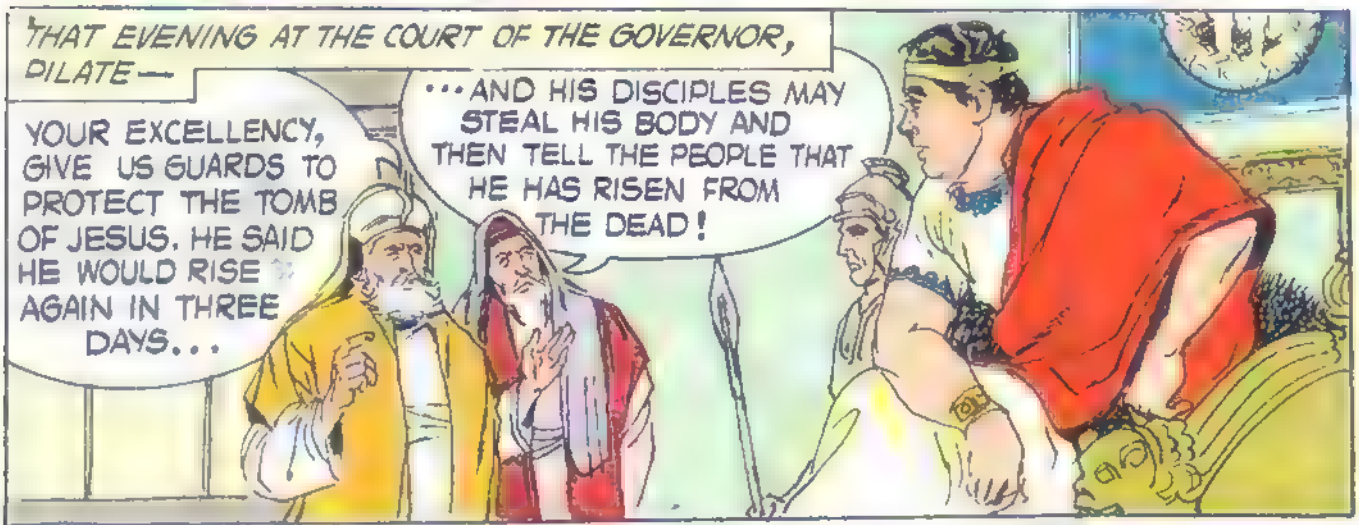
AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS STOOD MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND JOHN, HIS BELOVED DISCIPLE.
MOTHER, HE IS YOUR SON! JOHN, SHE IS YOUR MOTHER FROM NOW ON!


AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, ON A FRIDAY WHICH IS NOW CALLED GOOD FRIDAY—
FATHER, I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR WILL. INTO YOUR HANDS I GIVE UP MY SPIRIT.

HE'S DEAD! LOOK, WHEN I PIERCED HIS SIDE, THE LAST DROPS OF BLOOD AND WATER CAME OUT!
HE'S MORE THAN A MAN!
THIS MAN WAS TRULY THE SON OF GOD!

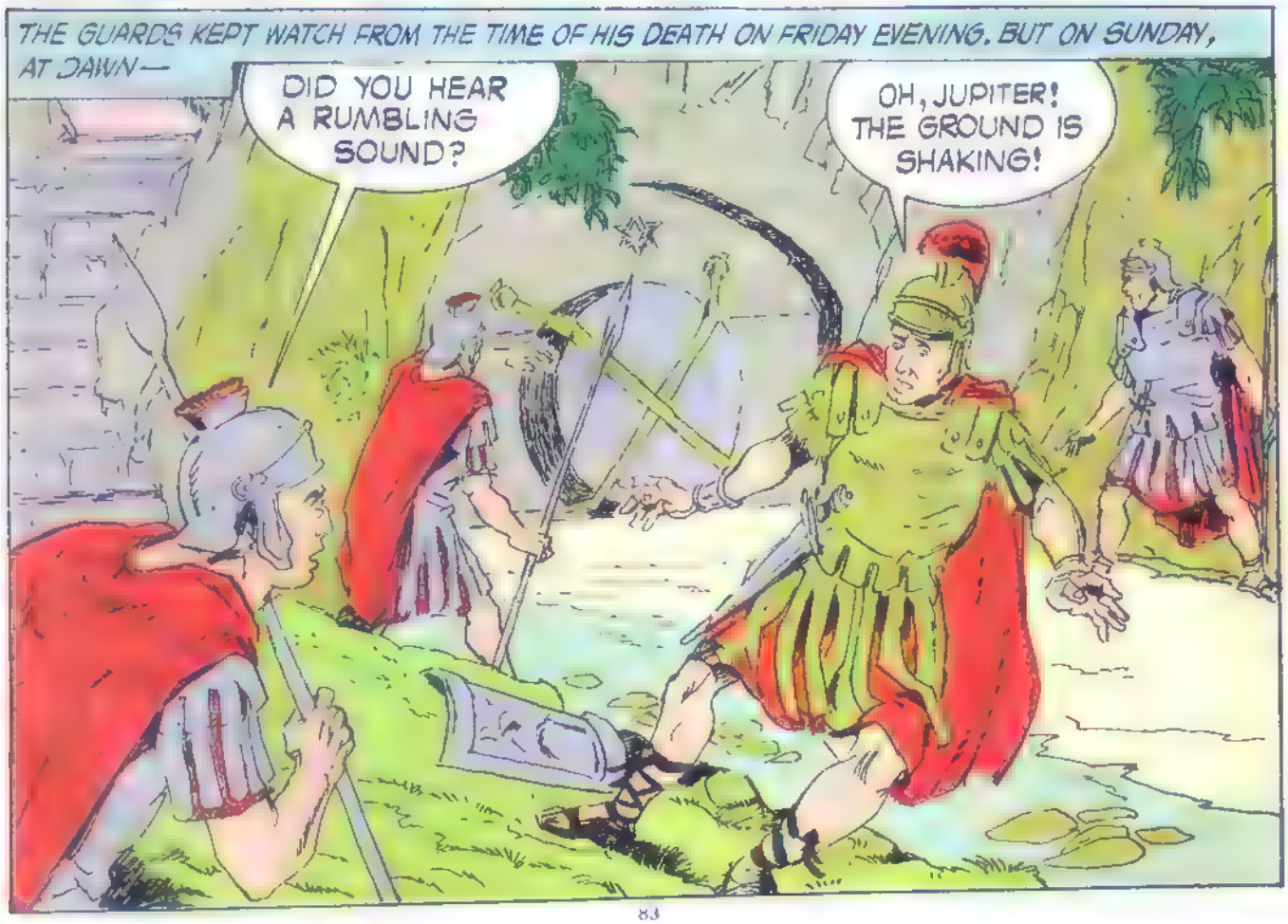
LATER, THEY TOOK DOWN THE BODY FROM THE CROSS...

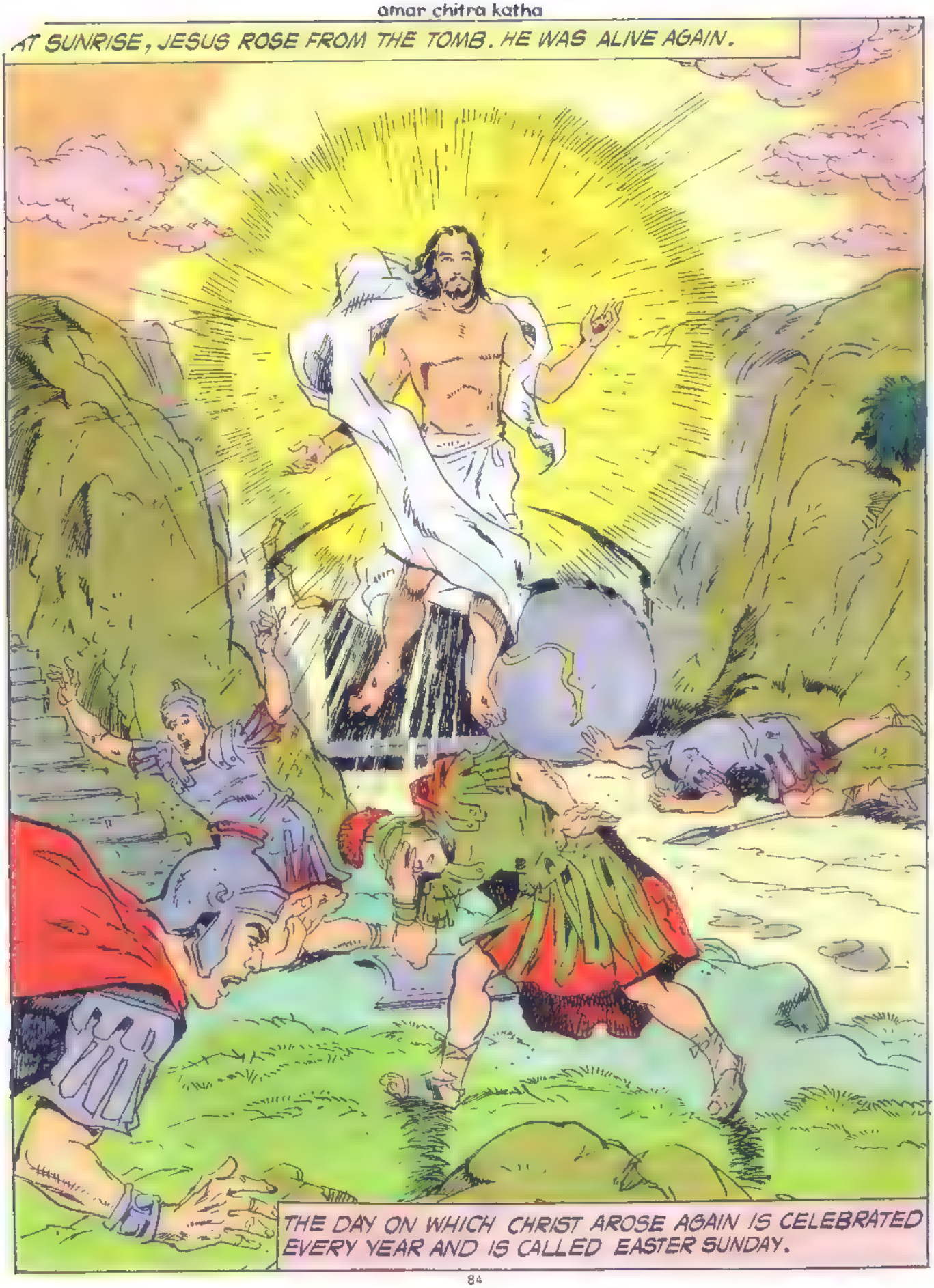
...AND THEY LAID JESUS IN THE TOMB.

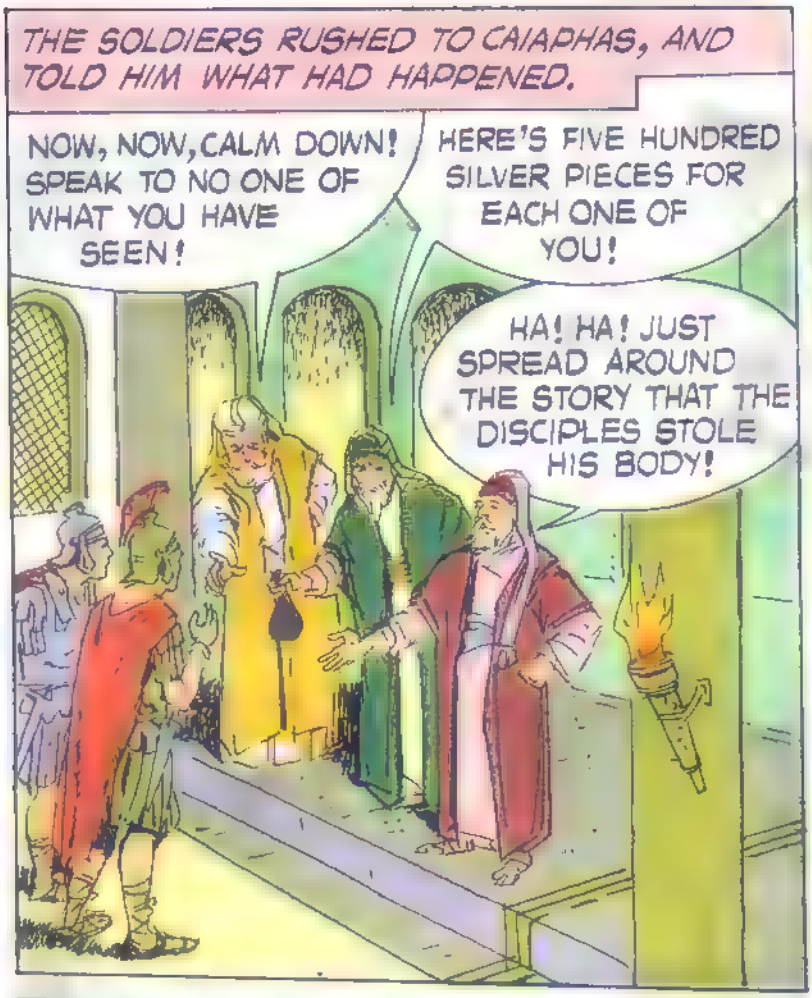

THAT EVENING AT THE COURT OF THE GOVERNOR, PILATE—
YOUR EXCELLENCY, GIVE US GUARDS TO PROTECT THE TOMB OF JESUS. HE SAID HE WOULD RISE AGAIN IN THREE DAYS...
...AND HIS DISCIPLES MAY STEAL HIS BODY AND THEN TELL THE PEOPLE THAT HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

ALL RIGHT, TAKE THE GUARDS YOU NEED AND ALSO BE SURE TO SEAL THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB.

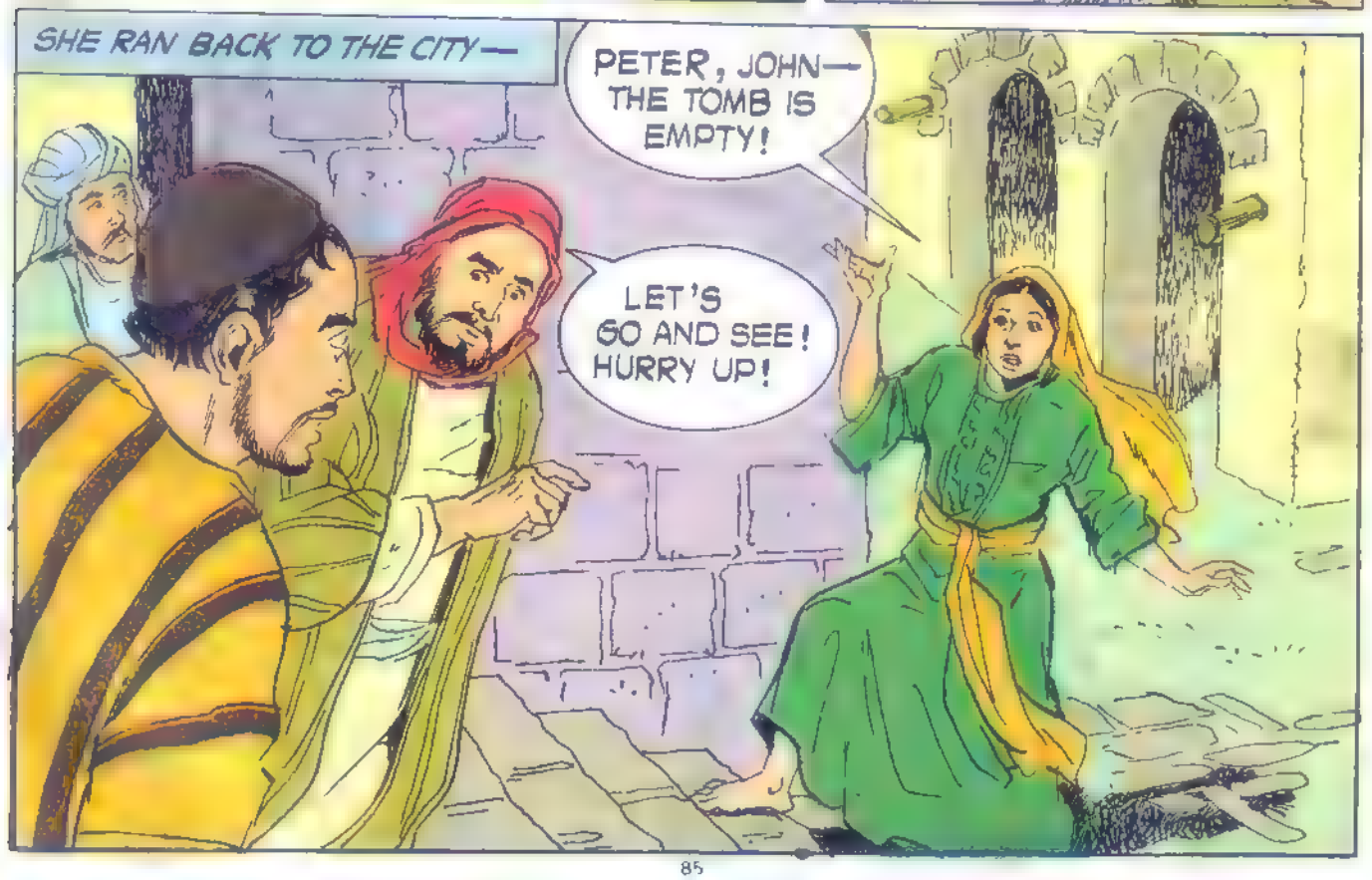
THESE ROGUES WON'T LET HIM REST IN PEACE EVEN NOW.

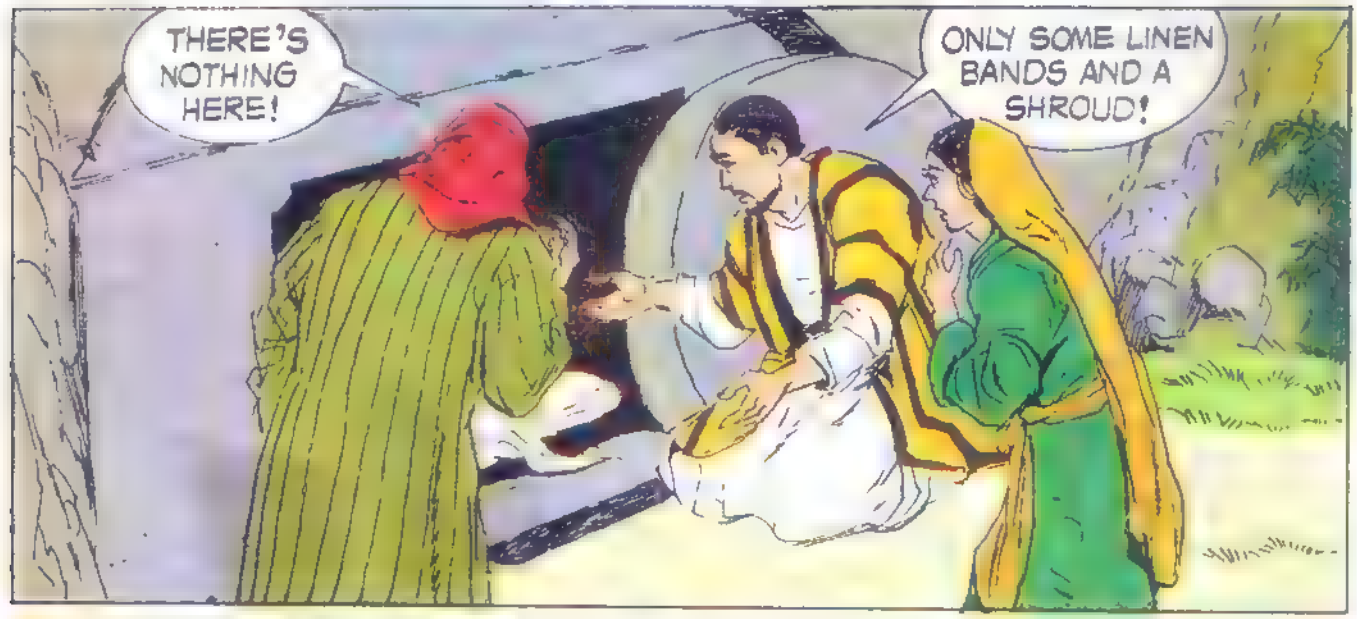

THE GUARDS KEPT WATCH FROM THE TIME OF HIS DEATH ON FRIDAY EVENING. BUT ON SUNDAY, AT DAWN—
DID YOU HEAR A RUMBLING SOUND?
OH, JUPITER! THE GROUND IS SHAKING!

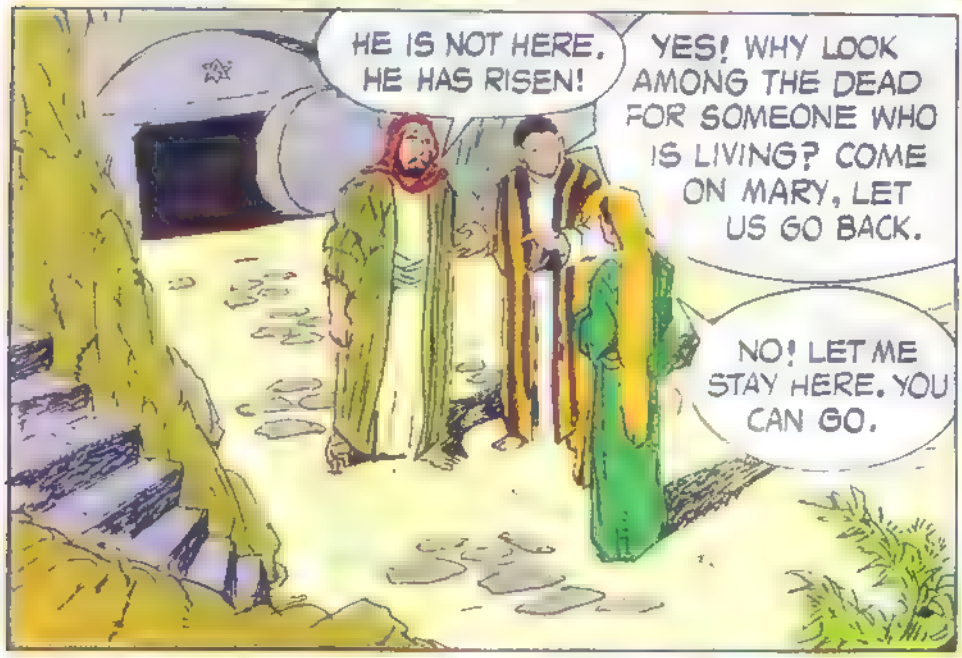

AT SUNRISE, JESUS ROSE FROM THE TOMB. HE WAS ALIVE AGAIN.
THE DAY ON WHICH CHRIST AROSE AGAIN IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR AND IS CALLED EASTER SUNDAY.

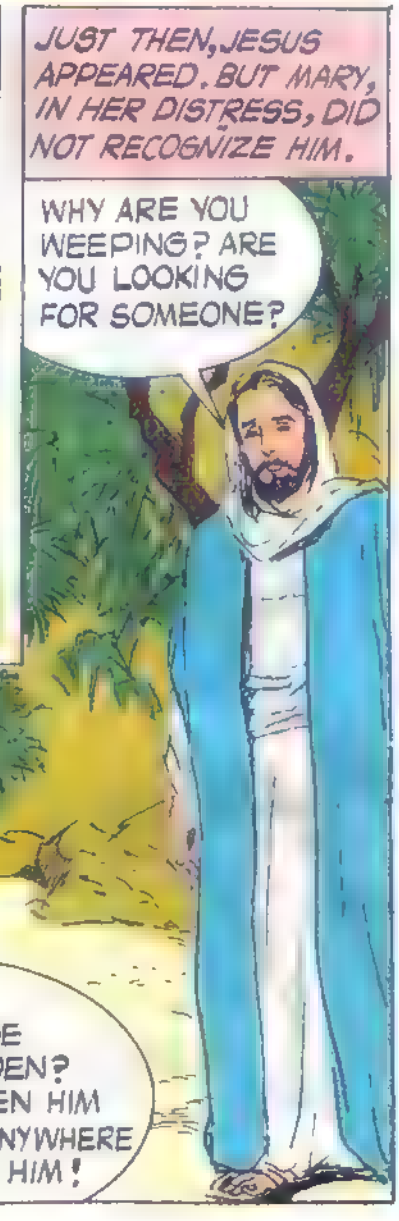

THE SOLDIERS RUSHED TO CAIAPHAS, AND TOLD HIM WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
NOW, NOW, CALM DOWN! SPEAK TO NO ONE OF WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN!
HERE'S FIVE HUNDRED SILVER PIECES FOR EACH ONE OF YOU!
HA! HA! JUST SPREAD AROUND THE STORY THAT THE DISCIPLES STOLE HIS BODY!

MEANWHILE, MARY MAGDELENE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, CAME TO THE TOMB.
THE STONE HAS BEEN ROLLED AWAY! THE TOMB IS EMPTY! WHERE HAVE THEY TAKEN MY LORD?


SHE RAN BACK TO THE CITY—
PETER, JOHN— THE TOMB IS EMPTY!
LET'S GO AND SEE! HURRY UP!

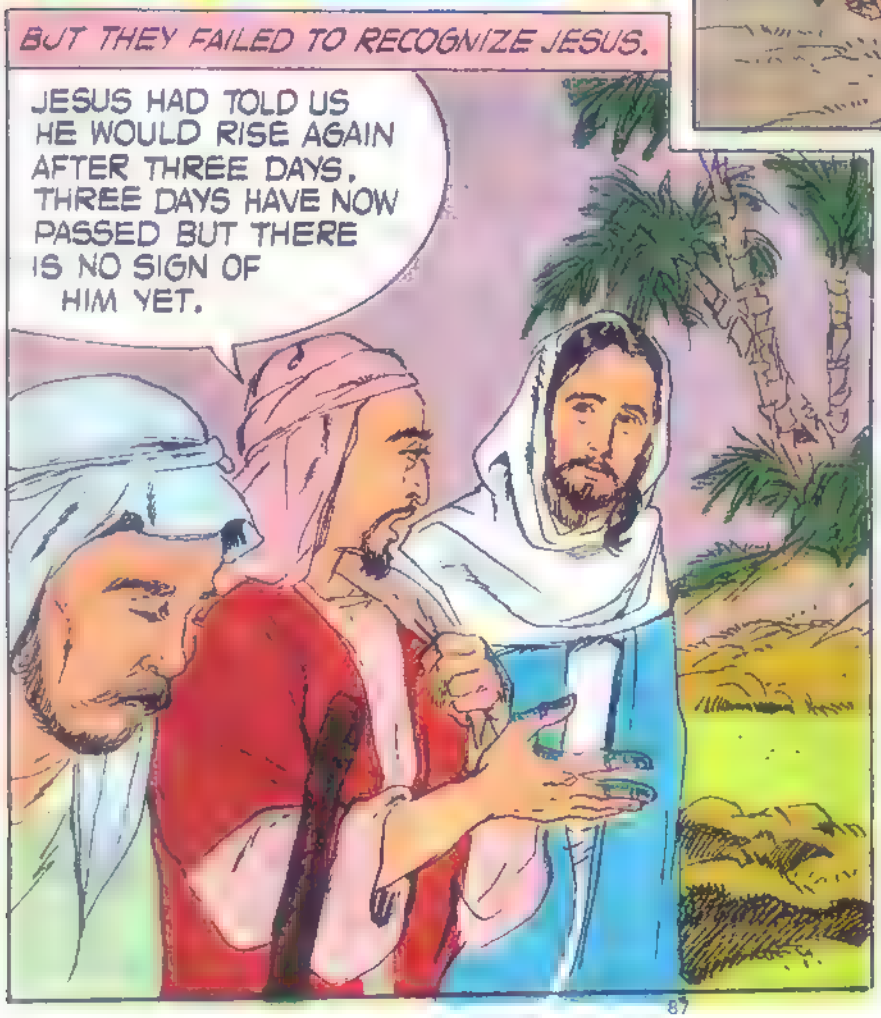

THERE'S NOTHING HERE!
ONLY SOME LINEN BANDS AND A SHROUD!


HE IS NOT HERE. HE HAS RISEN!
YES! WHY LOOK AMONG THE DEAD FOR SOMEONE WHO IS LIVING? COME ON MARY, LET US GO BACK.
NO! LET ME STAY HERE. YOU CAN GO.

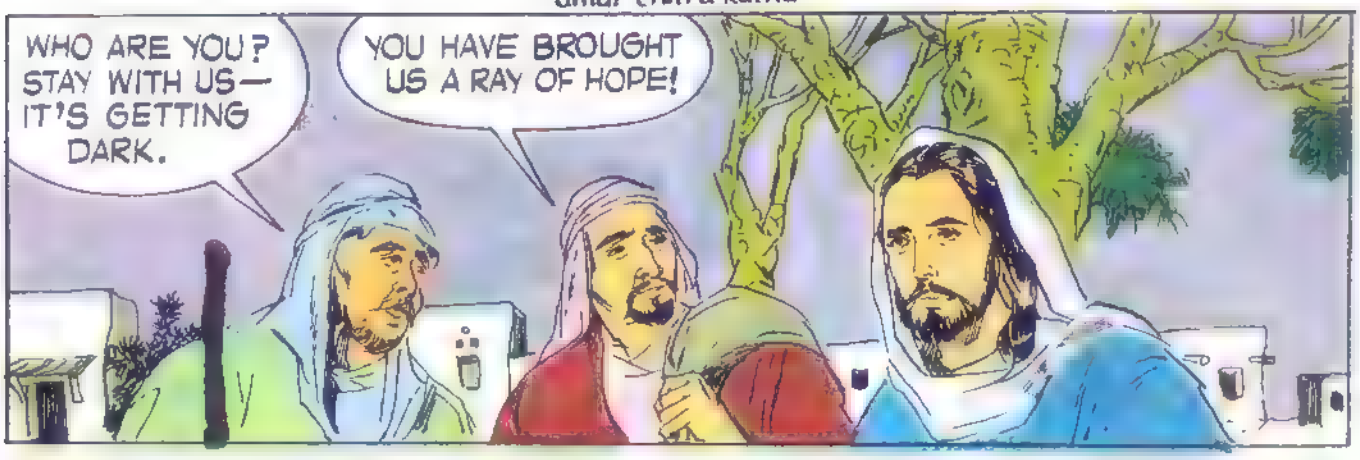

JUST THEN, JESUS APPEARED. BUT MARY, IN HER DISTRESS, DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM.
WHY ARE YOU WEEPING? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
SIR, ARE YOU IN CHARGE OF THIS GARDEN? HAVE YOU TAKEN HIM AWAY? I'LL GO ANYWHERE TO LOOK FOR HIM!

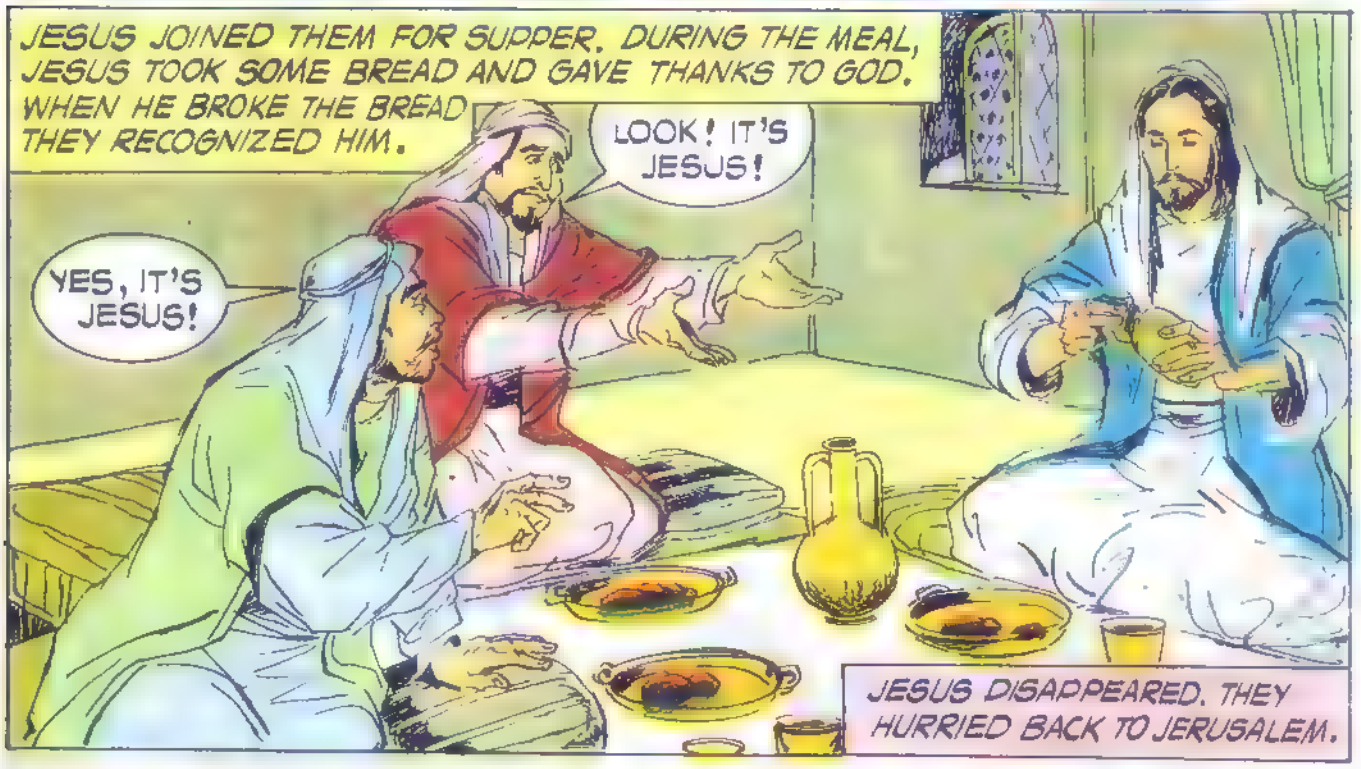
MARY!
OH! JESUS, MY LORD!

THAT SAME EVENING, AS HIS DISCIPLES WERE RETURNING HOME FROM JERUSALEM, JESUS JOINED THEM.
WHY ARE YOU SO SAD?


BUT THEY FAILED TO RECOGNIZE JESUS.
JESUS HAD TOLD US HE WOULD RISE AGAIN AFTER THREE DAYS. THREE DAYS HAVE NOW PASSED BUT THERE IS NO SIGN OF HIM YET.

NO SIGN OF HIM? HOW FOOLISH YOU ARE! WASN'T IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO DIE LIKE A LAMB AND SHED BLOOD TO SAVE ALL MEN FROM SIN? WASN'T IT FORETOLD BY THE PROPHETS?


WHO ARE YOU? STAY WITH US— IT'S GETTING DARK.
YOU HAVE BROUGHT US A RAY OF HOPE!


JESUS JOINED THEM FOR SUPPER. DURING THE MEAL, JESUS TOOK SOME BREAD AND GAVE THANKS TO GOD. WHEN HE BROKE THE BREAD THEY RECOGNIZED HIM.
LOOK! IT'S JESUS!
YES, IT'S JESUS!
JESUS DISAPPEARED. THEY HURRIED BACK TO JERUSALEM.

IN JERUSALEM—
WE HAVE SEEN JESUS!
HE SPOKE TO US SO WARMLY!
I, TOO, HAVE MET THE LORD! HE CALLED ME BY MY NAME!

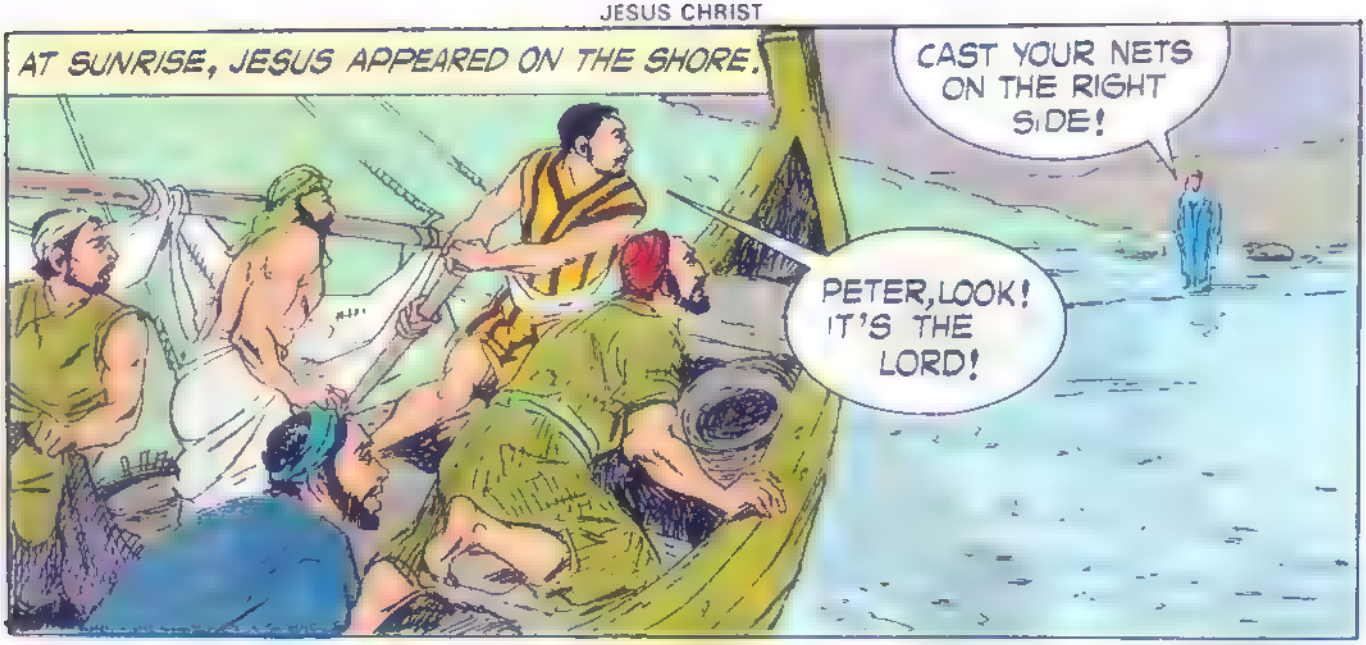
SUDDENLY, JESUS APPEARED IN THEIR MIDST.
PEACE BE WITH YOU!

WHY ARE YOU SO FRIGHTENED? LOOK! I AM NOT A GHOST! HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO EAT?

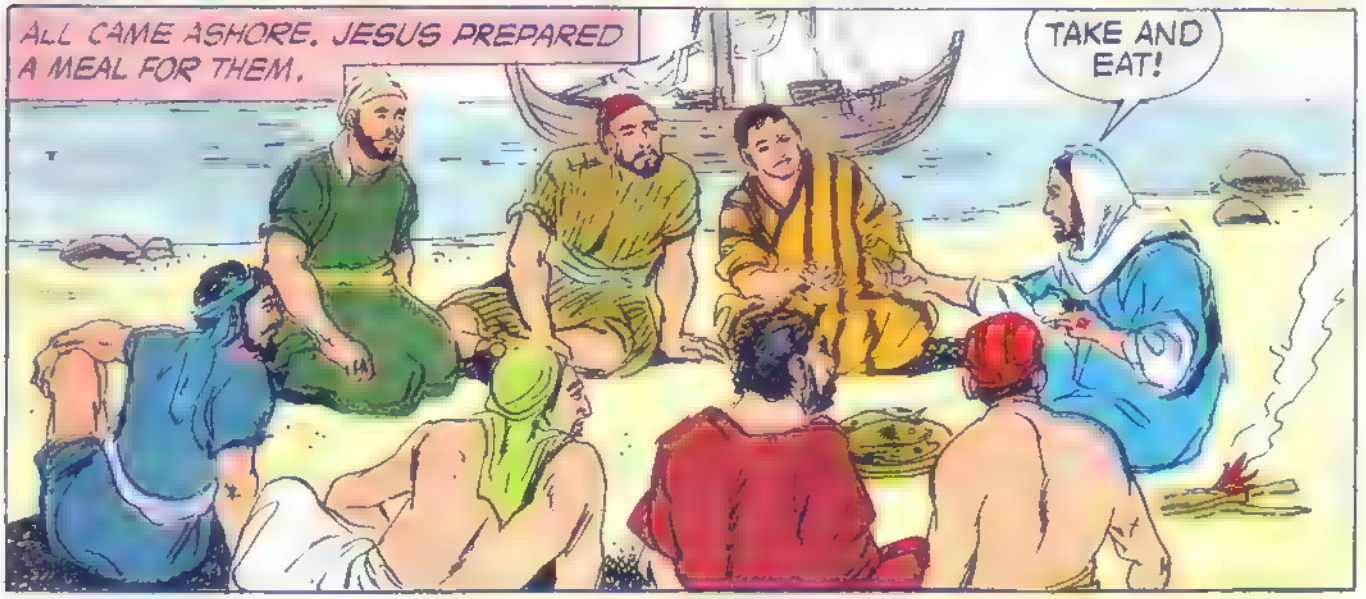
THEY GAVE HIM SOME FISH.
HMM! IT'S TASTY. THOMAS IS NOT WITH YOU? TELL HIM I MISSED HIM.
THEN HE DISAPPEARED.

WHEN THOMAS RETURNED —
THOMAS, THE LORD, WAS HERE JUST NOW! HE ATE UP THE FRIED FISH WE KEPT FOR YOU!
HE SAID HE MISSED YOU!
MISSED ME? IT CAN'T BE! YOU HAVE ALL GONE CRAZY! KEEP ME OUT OF THIS GHOST STORY!

HOW CAN A DEAD MAN COME BACK TO LIFE? UNLESS I PUT MY FINGER ON THE WOUNDS IN HIS HANDS, I WILL NOT BELIEVE!
EIGHT DAYS LATER, JESUS CAME —
PEACE BE WITH YOU, THOMAS!
TAKE MY HANDS AND FEEL THE WOUNDS. YOU NEED PROOF, MY DOUBTING THOMAS!
MY LORD AND MY GOD!
THOMAS, YOU SEE WITH YOUR EYES AND THEN BELIEVE. HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO DON'T SEE AND YET BELIEVE.
THAT NIGHT, SEVEN OF THE DISCIPLES WENT FISHING IN THE SEA OF GALILEE. AT DAWN—
PETER, OUR NETS ARE EMPTY. WE'LL NEVER CATCH ANYTHING!

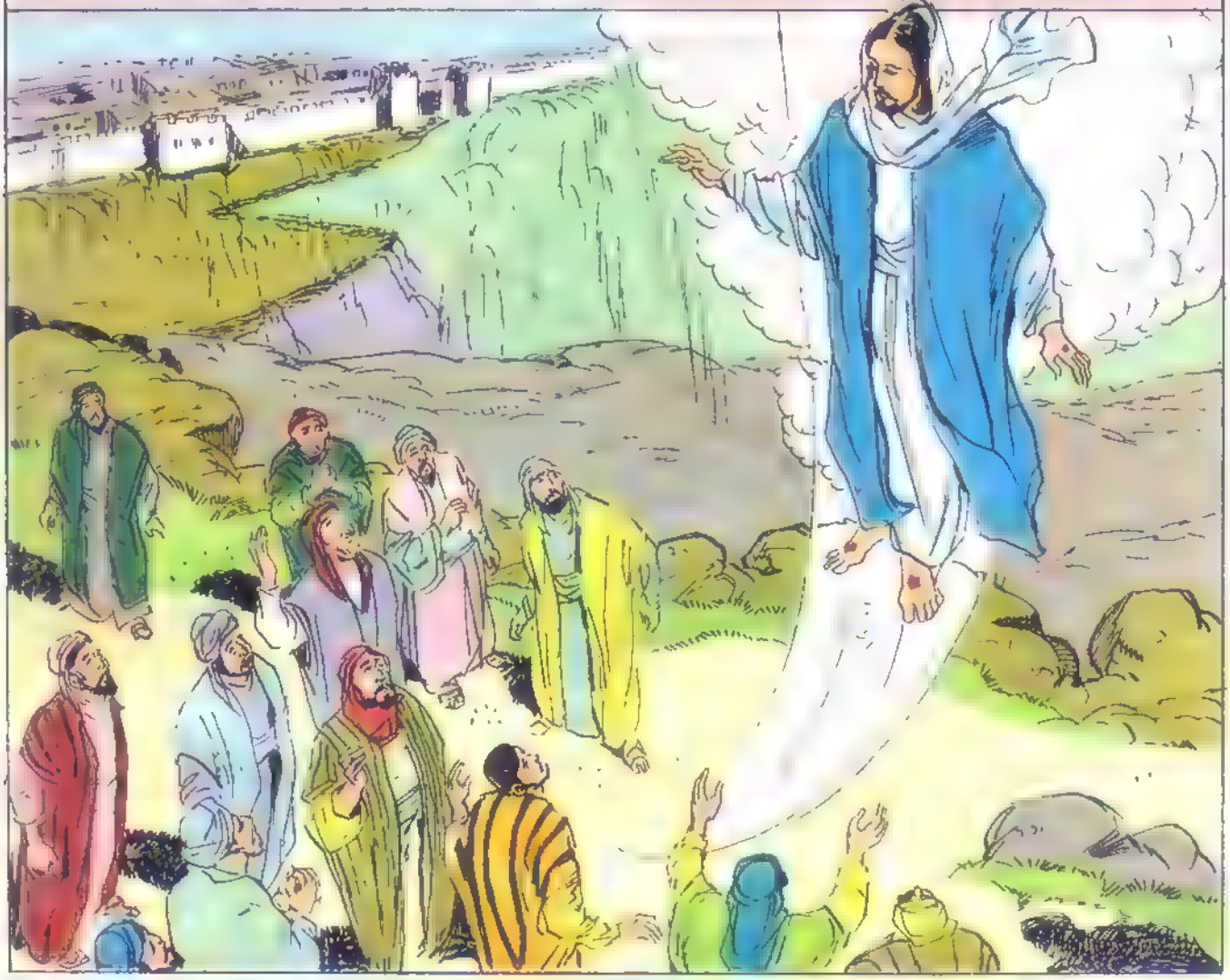

AT SUNRISE, JESUS APPEARED ON THE SHORE.
CAST YOUR NETS ON THE RIGHT SIDE!
PETER, LOOK! IT'S THE LORD!

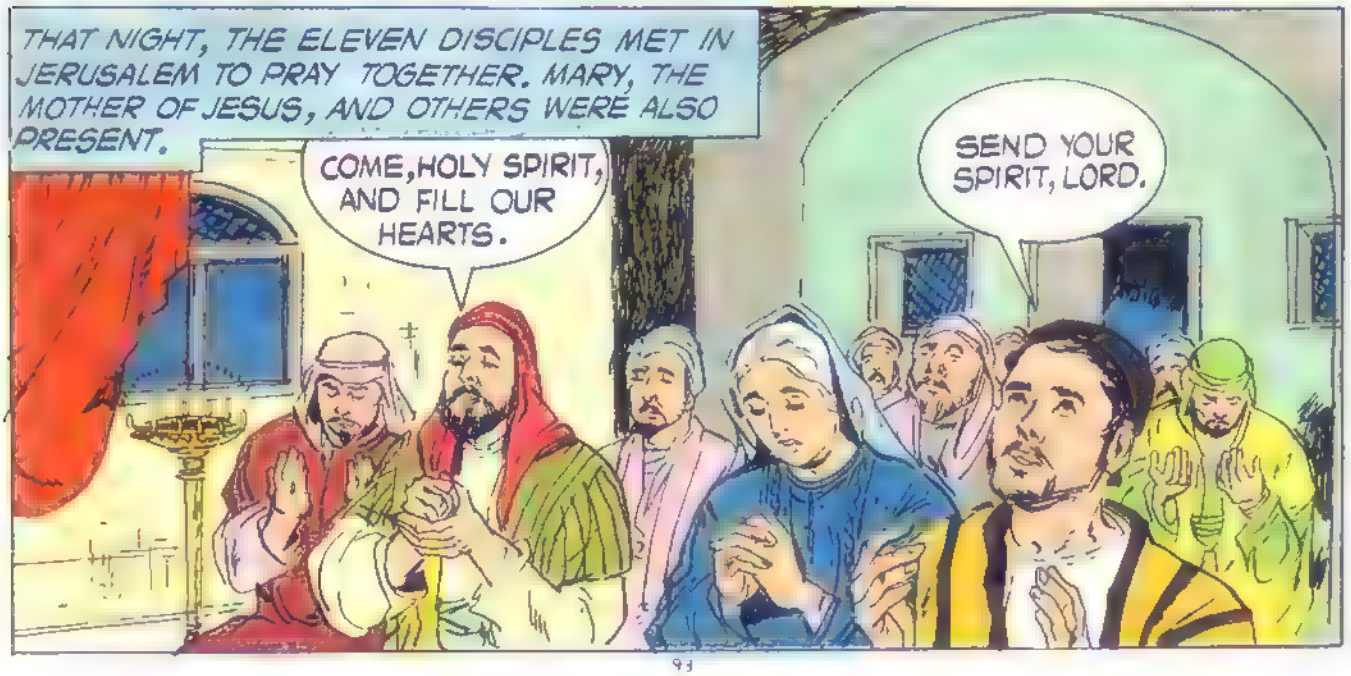
WHAT A CATCH!


ALL CAME ASHORE. JESUS PREPARED A MEAL FOR THEM.
TAKE AND EAT!

AFTER THE MEAL—
PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME?
YES, LORD, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU!
THEN LOOK AFTER MY FOLLOWERS AS A SHEPHERD LOOKS AFTER HIS SHEEP.
THEN THEY WENT TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, NEAR JERUSALEM, WHERE OTHER DISCIPLES JOINED THEM.
GO OUT INTO THE WHOLE WORLD. PREACH MY MESSAGE TO ALL NATIONS.
I WILL BE WITH YOU TILL THE END OF TIME.

BEFORE THEIR EYES, JESUS WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN. HIS HUMAN NATURE WAS GLORIFIED. THE SON HAD COMPLETED HIS TASK AND RETURNED TO THE FATHER.





THEY WERE IN DEEP PRAYER FOR NINE DAYS. ON THE TENTH DAY, AT DAWN, SUDDENLY THERE WAS A SOUND, LIKE THE POWERFUL ROARING OF THE WIND.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD HAS COME UPON US!

AND THEY SAW SOMETHING LIKE TONGUES OF FIRE. ALL THOSE PRESENT WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT..

GLORY!

GLORY BE TO GOD!

THE STRANGE HAPPENINGS ATTRACTED THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM—

WHAT'S HAPPENING UP THERE?

I CAN HEAR THEM SPEAKING IN STRANGE LANGUAGES!

IS THE HOUSE ON FIRE?

SOME PEOPLE FOUND IT VERY FUNNY.

HA! HA! THOSE MEN HAVE BEEN DRINKING TOO MUCH WINE!

HA! HA!

*THESE PEOPLE WERE LATER CALLED CHRISTIANS, i.e. FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

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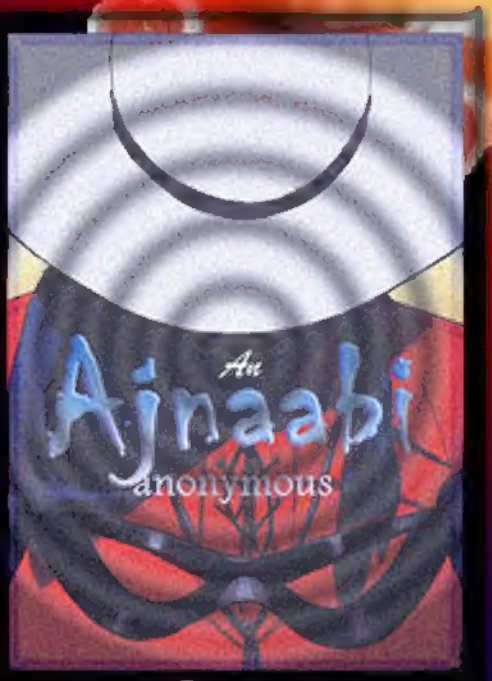

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